

## MINUTES

**City of Warsaw  
Parks and Recreation Board  
Regular Meeting (Parks)  
Tuesday, February 16, 2021, 5:15 pm - 6:15 pm  
Council Chambers**

### In-Person Attendance

Heather Frazier; Larry Ladd; Larry Plummer; Noemi Ponce; Shaun Gardner; Sheila Wieringa

### Remote Attendance

Diane Quance; Jill Beehler

### Not In Attendance

Michelle Boxell

## I. CALL TO ORDER

Park Board President Steve Haines called the meeting to order.

## II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES

### 1. *Approval of January 2021 Minutes*

The January 2021, minutes were approved on a motion by Board Member Ladd, seconded by Board Member Beehler.

Move: Larry Ladd Second: Jill Beehler Status: Passed

## III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

## IV. NEW BUSINESS

### 1. *Rick Swaim Request*

Rick Swaim virtually addressed the Park Board with a request to name the pickle ball courts after fellow pickle ball activist, Mike Metzger, who unexpectedly passed away due to Covid. Swaim along with other pickle ball players would like to honor Metzger by naming the courts after him. Swaim advised he did receive a quote from Ranger Materials and the cost would be roughly \$250 dollars for letters ranging in one foot to be placed onto the courts at Kelly Park. The courts would then be called Mike Metzger Courts, if approved.

After some discussion, Park Board President Haines stated the Board has had similar requests in the past to name a park, field or court after an individual. However, to set a precedence those requests have been denied. However, maybe something similar to the Tony Elliott plaque may be an option. Superintendent Plummer advised he believes a plaque at the courts is much more feasible. Reason being is when the courts need to be refurbished and resealed, the letters on the court's surface would need to be removed. Additionally, naming a field or court after an individual can cause issues when repairs or changes to the named location need to be completed.

Plummer stated a plaque honoring Mike Metzger, which could be placed near the pickle ball courts or possibly on the fence, would not be an issue in his opinion.

Haines asked if Swaim would provide a sample of what the plaque would look like along with the dimensions at the next Park Board meeting, where a vote can then be taken. Swaim agreed. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting in March.

Move: Second: Status: Tabled

## *2. 2020 Year End Report*

Superintendent Plummer reviewed the year end report for 2020. During this time, he highlighted the projects, activities, and budget report for 2020. Plummer stated although 2020 was a difficult year with numerous challenges, he is still very proud of his team with everything that was able to be completed during a pandemic.

Plummer further thanked the Board, City Council and Mayor Thallemer for their continued support of the Parks Department.

## *3. Maintenance Report*

Maintenance Director Gardner advised they have been plowing parking lots, shoveling side walks and more since about 4 AM that morning. Gardner stated they have been hauling snow as it piles up to make room for any additional snow they may get. Due to not having as many picnic tables and sawhorse tables to refurbish they were able to get a jump start on some spring cleaning and organizing in the shop, have been able to repair/paint the barricades and trash barrels.

## *4. Recreation Report*

Recreation Director Wieringa reviewed some of the past programs and informed the Park Board about a new one getting ready to start. From March 1st through the 17th, we have collaborated with some downtown businesses for a leprechaun hunt. During this event, the businesses who participated will incorporate a leprechaun in their window decor for St. Patrick's Day. Take a selfie with it and send it in. Each picture received will be 1 entry into a drawing for a pot of gold, which will have goodies from local businesses.

#### V. OTHER MATTERS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

#### VI. MEETING REVIEW

#### VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Move: Jill Beehler Second: Noemi Ponce Status: Passed



Heather Frazier  
Park Board Secretary