

MINUTES

**City of Warsaw
Parks and Recreation Board
Regular Meeting (Parks)
Tuesday, April 20, 2021, 5:15 pm - 6:15 pm
Council Chambers**

In Attendance

Heather Vogts; Jill Beehler; Larry Ladd; Larry Plummer; Michelle Boxell; Noemi Ponce; Shaun Gardner; Sheila Wieringa; Steve Haines

Not In Attendance

Diane Quance

I. CALL TO ORDER

Park Board President Steve Haines called the meeting to order.

II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES

1. *Approval of March 2021 Minutes*

The March 2021 minutes were approved, a motion by Board Member Beehler, seconded by Board Member Ponce.

Move: Jill Beehler Second: Noemi Ponce Status: Passed

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. *Playground Beyer Park*

Superintendent Plummer advised the Board, at our March meeting board members were provided three options for playground sets for Beyer Park. We asked that you looked over them and brought questions to this meeting, with a hopeful decision on which playground to install. Earlier this week, Plummer received an email from the playground manufacturers advising that costs will rise at least 6% by the end of this month, due to material cost increases worldwide. Plummer stated that is a significant increase and if we can decide which playground to install, that could save a substantial amount of money.

After some discussion between board members, a motion to approve Beyer Park Playground option 3, was approved by Board Member Beehler, seconded by Board Member Ponce.

Move: Jill Beehler Second: Noemi Ponce Status: Passed

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Superintendent Plummer advised on Monday, Deb Schmucker provided us with our final public survey for the Master Plan. Additionally, she provided a QR code, which people can scan with their phone and it takes them directly to the survey. The QR code has been placed in our rental buildings, social media, and the survey has been inserted into the local paper (which will go out on Saturday). Surveys will go out until the end of May.

1. *Maintenance Report*

Maintenance Director Gardner advised Spring is here and with that comes our normal mowing and just overall general upkeep of the parks. The guys have gone through all the restroom facilities, made any necessary repairs and have turned the water on. Water has also been turned on in our fountains and irrigation systems. Due to the sudden drop in temperatures, restroom faucets will be a on slow drip at night to prevent pipes from freezing.

The campground is open and full. Park staff were able to get all picnic tables, piers and fire rings put in place. The donated drinking fountain from Indiana American Water has been installed at Ker Park. Earlier we had been preparing to install the new playground set at Ker Park; however, the weather has caused a slight delay in that. Once it warms back up, that will resume. Seasonal rentals start this weekend are and ready to go.

2. *Recreation Report*

Recreation Director Wieringa advised she has finalized the 2021 recreation calendar, with dates of activities, programs, and concerts. The Recreation Guide is available in digital formatting on the City website with a few hard copies available in the office. We are excited to bring back in person programming and events. Some may have to be modified due to Covid. Again, we will not be having our large concerts, including the Rock, Blues and Country and will also not be having Touch-a-Truck.

V. OTHER MATTERS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Superintendent Plummer advised Nipsco has been working on replacing the poles in the parks. Bixler Park is done and they were working on finishing up Central Park prior to the current vaccination clinic. Once that clinic is completed in May, Nipsco will come back and hopes to finish the project in Central by June. While placing the poles, Nipsco had to remove some trees in the parks. They will be planting new ones in replacement of them and we opted for crab apple trees. These trees are on the smaller side and will not grow tall enough to be in the way of the power lines.

Due to material issues, the gazebo is set to be completed by the end of the month or so. The fountain area should be open in about a month along with some training for our guys on how it operates. We are hoping to have the ribbon cutting in June.

G&G is making progress with the Shoreline Stabilization Project at Pike Lake. They are currently placing the rock foundation down and hope to be finished with that by May. After that, the next step is planting and then placing sand down.

VI. MEETING REVIEW

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Move: Noemi Ponce Second: Michelle Boxell Status: Passed



Heather Vogts
Park Board Secretary