

## MINUTES

**City of Warsaw  
Parks and Recreation Board  
Regular Meeting (Parks)  
Tuesday, May 17, 2022, 5:15 pm - 6:15 pm  
Council Chambers**

### In Attendance

Jill Beehler; Larry Ladd; Larry Plummer; Michelle Boxell; Noemi Ponce; Shaun Gardner; Stephanie Schaefer; Steve Haines; Suzanne Stokes

### Not In Attendance

Diane Quance; Joe Thallemer

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Park Board President Steve Haines called the meeting to order.

### II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES

Meeting minutes from the April 19, 2022 meeting were approved by the Board.

Move: Jill Beehler Second: Noemi Ponce Status: Passed

### III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### 1. Kelly Park Stormwater Project

Parks Superintendent Larry Plummer provided the Board with a color rendering of what Kelly Park will look like once the stormwater project is complete. He mentioned the boardwalk will be concrete instead of how it is shown in the drawing. G & G Hauling & Excavating has the contract for the project and have given a tentative timeline for the work ahead. Stabilization of the pond shoreline and increasing the depth will begin in the first or second week of June running through September. The pond depth currently is 3 feet and will be increased to 15 feet at the center to sustain aquatic life. Final completion is hoped to be in October, per the per-construction meeting held on May 16, 2022. Also discussed in that meeting was bringing the spoils around the sledding hill instead to Baker Street. This change allows more of the park to be kept open.

There is a particular part of the project dealing with the stormwater on the east side that might see the courts shut down for a week or two for that phase to be completed. Plummer stated this feels like the icing on the cake

for the Kelly Park project and is thankful for the funding from the stormwater fees to be able to finish the area up. The intent is to eventually stock the pond and bring it back to how it was in the '80's with a fishing dock and catch and release fishing. Park Board member Jill Beehler stated she has seen good publicity for the park with several news pieces having been written.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

##### 1. Recreation Report

Recreation Director Stephanie Schaefer informed the Board that May is a busy month for her department and summer is getting ready to start. Art in the Park was held on May 6 where participants did watercolor paintings with instructor Terry Armstrong. The event was a huge hit and many have asked to bring Terry back for future workshops. On May 14, over 900 people attended Touch-A-Truck held in Central Park. The event included the radio station, a helicopter once owned by Lucille Ball, and a monster truck bounce house that were new this year. Next Friday, May 27, the Summer Concert Series begins with the Ted Yoder Band at the Central Park Plaza. The following week on June 4, there will be a fishing derby held in municipal park. The event starts at 8:00 AM and is free for kids.

##### 2. Maintenance Report

Maintenance Director Shaun Gardner shared updates on Mantis Skate Park. All the ramps have been moved to the south end so that the street department can come do the asphalt. Once that is complete the ramps will be moved back and repairs finished. Much of the work on the ramps has been completed in-house by the carpenters who worked for 7 days straight on repairs and fixing them up. Due to weather and timing of schedules the opening of the skate park will be delayed a week or so but it is worth it. The bushes have all been torn out along Indiana Street lot in Central Park. They were dying and looking bad, so they were replaced with boxwood bushes, new lining, and some stone. Gardner said this is a cleaner look that will last longer. All fountains, irrigation, and restrooms are up and running, set for the summer.

An ornamental light was installed on the Beyer Farm Trail by the bench. Parks Superintendent Larry Plummer added that there are more improvements coming out there, too. Mike Bradford of Bradford's Creations, a subcontractor on the Lucerne Amphitheater, is donating labor and materials to revitalize the bench area. He will add new plantings and a block wall.

## V. OTHER MATTERS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Parks Superintendent Larry Plummer let the Board know he is working to get approval and move forward with the bidding process for the Pavilion remodel, taking it to Board of Works this Friday, May 20. The MOU is not quite finished but he was advised he is able to get the bids going; he is hoping the process is in motion by June 17 but the date may fluctuate. When finished, the MOU will still come before the Park Board before finalizing any bids. Plummer wants to expedite the process to see what bids come in and what availability the contractors have.

He provided an update to the Center Lake shoreline stabilization that G & G Hauling and Excavating is working on. The old boat ramp behind the Nye Youth Cabin is gone and all the rock and stone work has been finished. New plantings will come in June due to timing with the plants. He stated that this project has provided a visual upgrade to the Center Lake area and that it has also been funded by stormwater fees like Kelly Park.

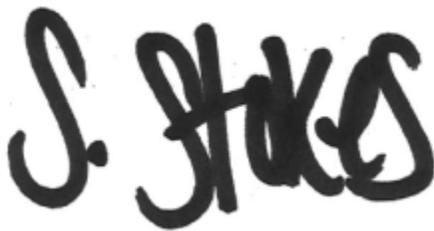
Plummer also mentioned that the vandals from Kelly Park were identified and restitution was applied for due to damages.

## VI. MEETING REVIEW

## VII. ADJOURNMENT

Park Board Vice President Larry Ladd made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Park Board member Noemi Ponce seconded the motion.

Move: Larry Ladd Second: Noemi Ponce Status: Passed

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Stokes". The signature is written in a cursive, stylized font.

Suzanne Stokes  
Park Board Secretary