

MINUTES

PARK BOARD MEETING APRIL 19, 2011

5:15 BOGGS BULDING

The Warsaw Parks & Recreation Board met for its monthly meeting on April 19, 2011 at 5:15 PM at the Boggs Recreation Building. Attendance was noted as follows:

PRESENT: Steve Haines, Bill Baldwin, Diane Quance, Toby Sumpter, and Dan Robinson. Also: Jon Garber, Larry Plummer, Jr., and Gail Bryan, Secretary.

ABSENT: John Sadler.

GUESTS: Pat Brown, SiteScapes, Inc., and Jennifer Peryam, Times-Union.

CALL TO ORDER: President Baldwin called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The March 15, 2011 minutes were approved on a motion by Steve Haines, seconded by Toby Sumpter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Jon Garber and Larry Plummer met with Dan Rumpel regarding the BMX park. Rumpel requested the park departments help in landscaping, grading and seeding the park in preparation for the season and nationals. Depending on the weather the park department will comply with the request. Following up with the insurance question raised in the March meeting, city insurance agent Dan Wood informed the park that the BMX assoc. should have their own insurance to cover the needs of the local BMX workers. Additionally, subcontractors should be able to provide proof of insurance to BMX officials.

Due to the work being done on State Rd. 15 this summer, and the traffic problems it may create, the summer lunch program will meet at Municipal Park Instead Of Bixler Park. All other locations will remain the same.

NEW BUSINESS: Former park board member Dan Hampton had proposed the idea to have geese declared a public nuisance in an effort to curtail the numbers in the parks and around the lakes. (June 22, 2010 minutes) In a recent meeting, Diane Quance and Jon Garber met with representatives of the lake associations. A proposed ordinance allowing the discharge of firearms inside city limits so that geese can be hunted during the regular hunting season will be drafted and presented to the city council. Current and retired DNR officials would conduct the hunt. The park board endorsed this idea on a motion by Steve Haines, seconded by Toby Sumpter.

Pat Brown of SiteScapes, Inc. was present to discuss the Master Plan priority survey and explain how the process will work. All "A" priorities will conceivably take place within the first five years; "B" priorities will take place during the next five years and so on. He will bring back a spreadsheet on the "A" priorities to be yet again organized into preferences (by survey). The priority survey was given to park staff, elected officials and park board members.

In other matters, the Warsaw Community Tennis Assoc. Has once again asked for financial support from the park department for the upcoming tennis program. The board approved the agreement for \$30/person not to exceed \$6,000. Motion to approve by Steve Haines, seconded by Dan Robinson. President Baldwin signed the agreement.

Jon Garber read a letter from Cindi Knepper, former director of the Boys and Girls club of Kosciusko County thanking the department for supporting her efforts through the years. With the help of the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Goshen, Inc., the club is re-organizing the facility and staff and will reopen in May.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Steve Haines, seconded by Toby Sumpter.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Bryan
Secretary