

MINUTES

PARK BOARD MEETING

January 17, 2012

PETE THORN YOUTH CENTER 5:15

The Warsaw Parks & Recreation Board met for its monthly meeting on January 17, 2012 at 5:15 PM at the Pete Thorn Youth Center. Attendance was noted as follows:

PRESENT: Board President Bill Baldwin, Board Members Steve Haines & Michelle Boxell & Council Representative Jerry Frush. Also present: Park Superintendent Larry Plummer, Jr., Maintenance Director Shaun Gardner, Recreation Director Staci Young & Secretary Sheila Wieringa.

ABSENT: John Sadler, Dan Robinson

GUESTS: Jennifer Peryam, Times-Union & Joseph Thallemer, Mayor

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The December 20, 2011 minutes were approved on a motion by Board Member Haines, seconded by Board Member Boxell, all in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was no unfinished business brought before the board.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Thallemer conducted the swearing in of Board Member Boxell for her new term beginning January 1, 2012.

New Council Representative Frush was introduced & welcomed to the board.

New Job Titles were announced for the following:

Larry Plummer, Jr. from Parks Director to Park Superintendent
Shaun Gardner from Parks Employee to Maintenance Director
Staci Young from Activities Director to Recreation Director
Sheila Wieringa replaced Gail Bryan as Administrative Assistant & Park Board Secretary.

Park Supt. Plummer presented for discussion and review and updated campground rule sheet to commence in the 2012 season. Changes consist of clarification of existing rules 1, 7 & 11 and the addition of rule 13, outlining fishing permits are available at the park office for after-hours fishing. A copy of the proposed rule sheet is attached. Motion to approve the updated rules made by Board Member Boxell, seconded by Board Member Haines, all in favor.

Park Supt. Plummer opened up the discussion on the possibility of changing the table delivery dates from year round to April 1st through October 15th. He stated this is the yearly time frame when tables are placed out in the community. In the winter months, the restoration of tables is conducted. He noted it would have a very minimal effect on the renters, as there is little activity through the winter months. Motion to approve the rental months made by Board Member Haines, seconded by Board member Boxell, all in favor.

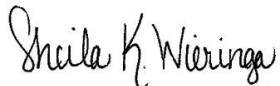
Maintenance Director Gardner addressed the board regarding the Christmas Light Display. He reported the Department received a donation from Alan Ross in the amount of \$1,450.00, from the proceeds gained from the concession trailer in the park. This money will be used for future light displays.

In other matters, Park Supt. Plummer reported to the board that Dave & Janet Essig of The Plantarium will be retiring and will not be available to renew the contract for the care of the flower beds of Central Park. They have completed this work since 2001. He reported he is in contact with Anderson Property Management and City Attorney Mike Valentine to complete a contract for this work.

Maintenance Director, Shaun Gardner reported to the board that he has been in contact with Indiana American Water in regard to acquiring 40 cement barriers from their unused well sites at no charge. These will be used to create storage bins for gravel, sand, etc. at the storage area at Pike Lake.

There being no further matters to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Board Member Boxell, seconded by Board Member Haines.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sheila K. Wieringa". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Sheila Wieringa
Secretary