

MINUTES

PARK BOARD MEETING

March 20, 2012

PETE THORN YOUTH CENTER 5:15

The Warsaw Parks & Recreation Board met for its monthly meeting on March 20, 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 Member 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: Nate Bossch, Director of Kosciusko County Lakes & Streams

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The February 21, 2012 minutes were approved on a motion by Board Member Boxell, seconded by Board Member Haines, all in favor.

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

NEW BUSINESS: Park Supt. Plummer reported to the Board that Marci Franks of Warsaw Community Schools is seeking permission to conduct the Free Lunch Program at Bixler Park again this year and also add an additional location of Lucerne Park to be coordinated with the YMCA Summer Program. Motion to approve the Free Lunch Program made by Board Member Haines, seconded by Board member Boxell, all in favor.

Park Supt. Plummer presented for approval the Summer Tennis Program instructed by Warsaw High School. He reported there were 170 kids, kindergarten through 12th grade, who participated in the program in 2011. Motion to approve that the Department can enter into the Tennis Program Agreement made by Board Member Boxell, seconded by Board Member Haines, all in favor.

Maintenance Director Gardner reported the 2012 Playground audit is complete. Equipment is rated From Priority 1 (worst) to Priority 3. The audit showed 12 Priority 1, 8 Priority 2, 21 Priority 3 hazards. He reported that McKinley Park Structures were replaced last fall, alleviating 14 hazards within the two structures. He reported the main hazard remaining is the structure on Pike Lake Beach. It is set to be replaced this fall because of budget constraints. Maintenance Director Gardner and Supt. Plummer, who are certified to identify hazards, explained to the Board that there are many type of hazards and they are all measurable by specific standards. After discussion, Council member Frush and the board recommended removing the playground equipment at pike lake beach due to the number of priority hazards that the equipment has. After the recommendation, Park Supt. Plummer said he would take it to the Board of Public Works to ask for permission to remove the structure.


Recreation Director Young stated the Lakes Festival has taken place at Central and Municipal parks for several years but they are looking to expand for 2012. She introduced Nate Bossch, Director of Kosciusko County Lakes & Streams who is heading up the Lakes Festival this year. He reviewed the proposed schedule for the day, along with explaining some of the different programs and directors of each of these. Please see attached list of events.

In other matters, Park Supt. Plummer reported that spraying for Cottony Scale was completed by Signature Tree so the park employees can begin placing picnic tables in the parks.

He also reported the employees have been working on replacing the fascia and soffits on the pavilion as a follow up to the new roof that was put on last year.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sheila K. Wieringa".

Sheila Wieringa
Secretary