

MINUTES

PARK BOARD MEETING

November 20, 2012

PETE THORN YOUTH CENTER 5:15

The Warsaw Parks & Recreation Board met for its monthly meeting on November 20, 2012 at 5:15 PM at the Pete Thorn Youth Center. Attendance was noted as follows:

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

ABSENT: Board Members Dan Robinson and John Sadler

GUESTS: Andrea Nichols with Arbor Metrics, Marie Tutorow, Tracy Marshall & Alan Ross

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The October 16, 2012 minutes were approved on a motion by Board Member Haines, seconded by Board Member Boxell, all in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Park Supt. Plummer presented to the board a breakdown of the utilities used at the Boggs Building vs. the Pete Thorn Building for review in regard to the upcoming lease renewal with the Kosciusko County Council on Aging. A motion was made by Board Member Boxell to accept the lease as is for 2013, seconded by Board Member Haines, all in favor.

Andrea Nichols with Arbor Metrics gave a Tree City USA update, stating she needs the Board's feedback in regard to the latest tree ordinance draft. She has met with Attorney Richard Helm of Rockhill Pinnick with some concerns regarding public vs. private property and the rights thereof. She is requesting the Board Members approval of the latest draft, so it can be taken to the next city council meeting. A motion was made by Board Member Haines to accept the ordinance draft and recommend to the City Council to approve the Draft, seconded by Board Member Boxell, all in favor.

Maintenance Director Gardner reported to the Board that Board President Baldwin, Andrea Nichols & himself met with Carrie Tauscher, Forrester with the DNR and toured the park grounds. He expressed interest in completing a tree inventory. In addition, Park Supt. Plummer expressed concern in regard to the Ash trees in the park. He explained the department has already seen the effects of the Emerald Ash Bore and would like to take a proactive approach with the remaining ash trees, specifically along Canal Street in the next year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tracy Marshall with the Marine Riders of Michiana, along with Marie Tutorow and Alan Ross representing Young Tigers, requested to the board utilizing Fribley Field/Richardson Dubois park area for a fundraiser June 29, 2013. The fundraiser would benefit the VFW National Home for Children. The home takes in children of vets killed in the line of duty and raises them through college. More information on the charity can be obtained at www.vfwnationalhome.org. They are looking at scheduling a kid friendly motorcycle ride, bouncy houses, a dj, a color guard presentation at the monument for David Fribley, face painting, etc. A motion to approve the event on concept was made by Board Member Boxell, seconded by Board Member Haines, all in favor.

In other business, Maintenance Director Gardner reported to the Board that the hanging of Christmas lights has been completed. Light up is scheduled for Friday, December 7 at 7 p.m.

Park Supt. Plummer reported to the Board that Maintenance Director Gardner, Recreation Director Young and he met with the YMCA in regard to creating an agreement for Camp Little Eagle, which is held at Lucerne Park and directed by the YMCA each summer. An agreement will be brought to the Board in March or April 2013 for their approval.

Park Supt. Plummer also pointed out to the Board that our Kids/Teens Canoeing Clinics were featured in IPRA issue this month.

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