

La Porte Park and Recreation Department**Board Minutes****January 16, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by president Mitch Feikes. Also in attendance were Nicole Messacar, Tom Graham, Zach Coulter, Mark Schreiber, Pam Carroll, Kyle Cashmer, Brett Binversie, Karyl Feikes and Roberta Mumaw.

Mitch Feikes led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance

Election of Officers

A motion was made by Nicole Messacar, seconded by Tom Graham to retain the current slate of officers: Mitch Feikes, President, Nicole Messacar Vice President and Roberta Mumaw Secretary. Motion passed unanimously.

Recognitions

Jim Kimmel of the National Softball Association presented Pam Carroll with the 2018 Outstanding Park Award for the contributions and dedications to NSA programs. The Park Department hosted the 2018 Girls Fast Pitch World Series and once again everyone was very impressed with the facilities.

Minutes

The previous months minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by Tom Graham, seconded by Nicole Messacar.

Bills/Claims

A motion was made by Nicole Messacar to approve the bills and claims, seconded by Tom Graham. Motion was approved unanimously.

Public Comment

None

Sub Committee Reports

Nicole Messacar is currently waiting for NRCS to get back to her with a design for the Kiwanis Teledyne erosion project.

Old Business

Mark Schreiber updated the Board on the progress regarding Fort La Play Porte renovations. All of the construction documents and material lists have been received, and the steering committee is very close to having a final budget put together. The budget was projected to be in the \$190,000 range, but will be slightly higher due to the increase in equipment costs. The fundraising website has been launched through patronicity.com, and the goal is to raise \$50,000 by March 10. Should that goal be reached they will receive a \$50,000 matching grant through the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority. This is part of their creating places program. The fundraising continues with currently having received up to \$25,000 from the Park Foundation to go along with the \$60,000 from the Healthcare Foundation. Build is scheduled from June 10-15. All information regarding build and volunteering can be found at www.fortlaplayporte.com

New Business

Mark Schreiber has met with Carey Garwood of Bethany Church and they have made a committee and would like use Stone Lake Beach for their annual Red Wine and Brew fest to be held July 3. At this time Mark Schreiber is asking permission from the Board to close the beach all day on July 3rd, allow parking off of the road ways, suspend the family section for the day and to allow fireworks to take place. A motion was made by Tom Graham,

seconded by Zach Coulter. It has been made very clear to the group that everything that is put up and brought in will have to be removed after their event as July 4 is a busy beach day and the area needs to be ready for business. Nicole Messacar asked if any fees would be paid. The group will pay full fee for the use of Cummings Lodge, at this time they will not be using the beach house, should that change, they will pay that fee as well. They will also be providing proof of liability insurance for the event. The motion passed 2-1.

Mark Schreiber wanted the Board to be aware that the Chessie Trail is near completion, and once it is completed that Board will need to accept it as Park property.

Mark Schreiber requested permission from the Board to rename the Park road that runs through Kesling Park the Dean Heise Parkway. We feel this is a good way to honor Dean for his 41 years of service to the Department. A motion was made by Tom Graham to rename the Kesling Park roadway the Dean Heise Parkway, seconded by Nicole Messacar. Motion passed unanimously.

Mark Schreiber requested approval from the Board to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$14,051.10 to the Kiwanis-Teledyne fund. Tom Graham a motion to approve the additional appropriation, seconded by Zach Coulter. Motion passed with Nicole Messacar obtaining.

Department/Board reports

Brett Binversie reported that everything is caught up at the Civic Auditorium and going well.

Kyle Cashmer is working on off season tasks and tying up loosed ends with the basement renovations.

Pam Carroll is currently working on Winterfest and Youth Sports Sign Ups. The first nights of sign ups went well and was very busy.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Tom Graham, seconded by Zach Coulter.

Mitch Feikes, President

Roberta Mumaw, Secretary

Approved: 2-13-19