

**La Porte Park and Recreation Department  
Board Minutes  
May 18, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by President Mitch Feikes, who also led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Also in attendance were Joseph Ault, Karen Ellison, Denise Bealor, Jake Huelat, Pam Carroll, Karyl Feikes and Roberta Mumaw.

**Recognitions**

None

**Minutes**

The previous months minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by Jake Huelat, seconded by Denise Bealor.

**Bills and Claims**

The bills and claims in the amount of \$119,216.09 were unanimously approved on a motion by Karen Ellison, seconded by Jake Huelat.

**Public Comment**

None

**Sub-Committee Reports**

None

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

Mark Schreiber informed the Board that the kayak rental units at Stone Lake would be installed by the end of the week and will hopefully be activated by Memorial Day. Mark has also been in talks with Jett Fabricators regarding the kayak lockers that are in production. After many delays they are anticipating that the units will be powder coated by the end of next week and installed by Memorial Day. If they are not installed by June 15 the recommendation is to follow the previously approved refund policy and offer a partial refund for those that wish to continue. The refund would be to apply \$250 applied to 2025 those that paid \$1350 and \$250 to those that paid \$500. The motion to allow the partial refund was unanimously approved on a motion by Karen Ellison, seconded by Jake Huelat.

**Board Member/Department Head Comments**

Mark Schreiber updated the Board on the fish Consumption Advisory that was issued in 2017 for Clear Lake due to PCB's in the fatty tissue of the fish. PCB's are polychlorinated diphenism and were used in the past for insulation. Due to this, last year IDEM took sediment samples to determine where the PCB's are located. They are found to be in the sediment and can then get into the organic that grows up out of the lake which is what the fish feed on. There are no new changes, and the fish consumption advisory will continue. There are signs posted regarding the consumption advisory, with additional information available on the State

Department of Health's website. We did learn that there are no PCB's in Lilly Lake. Mark Schreiber stated that he has also received word today that there is no Eurasian Milfoil in Clear Lake.

Mark Schreiber stressed the importance of following park rules & regulations. There recently was damage done to a light pole by juveniles that were in the park after hours.

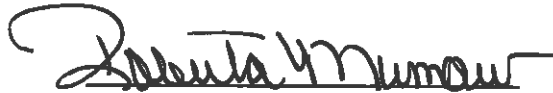
Mitch Feikes requested an update from Nick Minich on the Chessie Trail phase 2. Nick stated that the project has come in at 15% overestimate. With the project coming over 15% INDOT will not award the project. With this, they have worked with INDOT and NIRPC to shift funds around and we will now have an August letting. Work will still begin this year with completion by next year. The project is funded through the Healthcare Foundation and Federal Highway funds.

Jake Huelat inquired about spreading wood chips on the Kesling Park nature trail. Mark Schreiber stated that once the weather and staffing allow, the trail will be sprayed, and new wood chips will be spread with the help of volunteer groups.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Jake Huelat, seconded by Denise Bealor.



Mitch Feikes, President



Roberta Mumaw, Secretary

Approved: 6-15-02