

**La Porte Park and Recreation Department
Board Minutes
July 20, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by President Mitch Feikes who also let the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Also attending were Nicole Messacar, Jake Huelat, Denise Bealor, Joseph Ault, Brett Binversie, Mark Schreiber, Karyl Feikes and Roberta Mumaw.

Recognitions

None

Minutes

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

Bills/Claims

The bills & claims in the amount of \$144,251.57 were unanimously approved on a motion by Joseph Ault, seconded by Jake Huelat.

Public Comment

None

Sub-Committee Reports

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Mark Schreiber requested permission from the Board to allow the placement of another musical instrument in the location of the Craven Pond trail head. The instrument is a lily pad symbol that was purchased by the Visual Arts Council. A motion to place the lily pad symbol in the vicinity of the Craven Pond trail head was made by Nicole Messacar, seconded by Denise Bealor. Motion passed unanimously.

Mark Schreiber requested approval from the Board to allow the Tour De La Porte event to park off roadways August 26-28. This event is now being run by the La Porte YMCA. The motion to allow parking off roadways for Tour De La Porte on August 13 was unanimously approved on a motion by Jake Huelat, seconded by Jake Huelat.

Mark Schreiber requested permission from the Board for Pam Carroll and himself to attend the Indiana Park and Recreation conference in Indianapolis November 15-17. The cost is \$325 per person plus hotel costs for 2 nights. The motion to allow Mark and Pam to attend the annual Indiana Park and Recreation conference with the amount not to exceed \$2000 was unanimously approved on a motion by Nicole Messacar, seconded by Denise Bealor.

Board/Department Head comments

Mark Schreiber stated that with the placement of the first set of kayak lockers there was one phone call to the office and several comments via social media by those who are unhappy with the chosen location. The Board is still in agreement that placing the lockers in the location of the launch is the best option.

Brett Binversie stated that the progress on the roof continues. Korellis will however be pulling off the job site to complete another job but will be back in several weeks to complete the project.

Denise Bealor has been approached by various citizens regarding a possibly shuttle during Arts in the Park events due to parking being limited. Mark Schreiber stated that with the reconstruction of Truesdale Ave there is discussion to design possible additional parking off McClung Road.

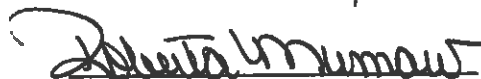
Mitch Feikes wanted to thank BOSS Industries for their recent workday at Lindewald Park, Pro-Drive Asphalt Maintenance for sealing and stripping the lots at Lindewald Park and Unity Park and Ryan Higgins and the Carpenters Union for repairing the wooden play structure at Hastings Park as well as the Kiwanis Club for the pop-up hot dog event held at Ben Rees.

Nicole Messacar stated that the vegetation is coming in well along Stone Lake walking trail. Nicole would also like to go in and clip the purple loosestrife flowers to prevent spreading. Clipping the flowers will prevent them from spreading seed.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Denise Bealor, seconded by Nicole Messacar.



Mitch Feikes, President



Roberta Mumaw, Secretary

Approved: 8-17-22