

**LA PORTE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
BOARD MINUTES
DECEMBER 21, 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 Nicole Messacar, Joe Ault, Karen Ellison, Jake Huelat, Denise Bealor, Mark Schreiber, Pam Carroll, Brett Binversie, Kyle Cashmer, Karyl Feikes and Roberta Mumaw.

MINUTES

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

BILLS AND CLAIMS

The bills and claims in the amount of \$99,949.48 were unanimously approved on a motion by Karen Ellison, seconded by Jake Huelat.

RECOGNITIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Mark Schreiber discussed the solicitation in parks with other superintendents at the IPRA conference. Most have stated that have created policies. These range from complete restrictions or permitting. The next step may be to engage the City Attorney for his thoughts and then a discussion with the Park Board to create a policy with a recommendation to the City Council to create an ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

Mark Schreiber informed the Board that we have finally received all of the new fleet. With this being received we have a request to dispose/transfer the following equipment:

DISPOSAL

1997 Black Dodge
1998 white GMC
1990 Allis Chalmers tractor
2004 Jacobson
2012 Xmark mower

TRANSFER TO STREET

2001 Orange GMC Truck
2001 Champagne Chevy Truck

The 2001 champagne truck was previously approved to be disposed of, but with the delay in receiving our fleet, this was repaired and used and now instead of disposing of, this will be transferred to the street department. A motion to dispose and transfer the listed equipment

was made by Nicole Messacar, seconded by Karen Ellison. Mark Schreiber stated there is not value to the equipment and it will all be scrapped. The motion was unanimously approved.

Kyle Cashmer and Mark Schreiber have been in discussion with the Clerk Treasurer and the Mayor regarding the need for additional equipment at Beechwood. The equipment needed is a fairway mower (used \$30-\$50,000), rough mower (used \$18-\$25,000) and an aerator(new). We have proposed to do a \$12,000 deposit on an aerator and then will make \$4,000 yearly payments. as this is the amount spent when the aeration is hired out. With the exception of the yearly aerator payments, all monies would come from City funds. A motion to approve the purchase of the equipment up to \$90,000 was made by Denise Bealor, seconded by Jake Huelat. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mark Schreiber requested permission to renew the contract for the Golf Professional. Kyle Cashmer has been with the department for 10 years. The motion to renew the contract was unanimously approved on a motion by Jake Huelat, seconded by Denise Bealor.

Mark Schreiber has received a request from the newly formed LaPorte Tennis Booster Club to place a banner at the Bill Reed tennis courts. The request to place the banner was unanimously approved on a motion by Nicole Messacar, seconded by Joe Ault.

A discussion was held regarding the placement of AED's in the Parks. We currently have 6 in the parks. Mark Schreiber has been approached by the Play for Jake Foundation regarding placing a unit at Fort La Play Porte.

Board member/Department Head Comments

Mark Schreiber informed the Board that a bid was accepted at the Board of Works for the sale of the Senior Center Building at 910 State Street. A new location will be found for the senior center, the center will not close.

Mitch Feikes thanked Pam Carroll for her hard work and dedication for the Senior Center.


Mark Schreiber commended Pam Carroll and her staff for getting over 250 letters from Santa delivered.

Mark Schreiber thanked the Board and the staff for their hard work and commitment.

Karen Ellison thanked Mark and the entire staff for their hard work, for a park system for the size of town we have is unbelievable with the facilities and programs that are offered.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned on a motion by Nicole Messacar, seconded by Jake Huelat.


Mitch Feikes, President


Roberta Mumaw, Secretary

Approved: 1-18-23