

**La Porte Park and Recreation Department
Board Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2023**

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, Mark Schreiber, Pam Carroll, Kyle Cashmer, Brett Binversie, Karyl Feikes and Roberta Mumaw.

RECOGNITIONS

None

MINUTES

The minutes from the previous month's meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Joseph Ault, seconded by Karen Ellison.

BILLS & CLAIMS

The bills and claims in the amount of \$83,814.00 were unanimously approved on a motion by Karen Ellison, seconded by Nicole Messacar.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Mark Schreiber will be meeting with the recently formed committee to discuss solicitation in the Parks. Nick Otis, the City Attorney has confirmed that groups can in fact be banned from passing out pamphlets and information of all forms if all solicitation is banned. Business solicitation has never been allowed. The committee will need to define what is solicitation and come up with a policy to cover this.

Mark Schreiber has sent the Board a list of Master Plan priorities for the Board to review and give Mark any input that they may have.

NEW BUSINESS

Mark Schreiber informed the Board that with the reconstruction of Truesdell we will be losing the grass area used as parking along the roadway. To accommodate the crowds, the plan is to pave a drive behind the ball field and add additional parking. The drive and parking areas will be constructed using ground millings. The parking area behind Ron Reed field will also be reclaimed for additional parking. Mark Schreiber is requesting permission to move forward with the project. There will be \$40,000 in UEA funds and we will seek out an additional \$20,000-\$30,000 to complete the project. The motion to approve the project was made by Nicole Messacar and seconded by Denise Bealor. Nicole Messacar wanted to clarify this project cost was \$60,000. Mark Schreiber stated there was very little paving as

millings will be used and we will also avoid removing mature trees. Mark Schreiber stated the drive will begin off McClung Road. Jake Huelat inquired about the possibility of lighting. Mark Schreiber has suggested the purchase of a temporary light standard in the future to be used at other events. The motion passed unanimously.

Mark Schreiber has not received all required information regarding the Dunes Volleyball agreement so this will need to be brought back to the board.

Mark Schreiber has informed the Board that with this being the 3rd year of LakeFest it will now be operating out of park non-reverting instead of the restricted account that has been used in the past and will now require Board approval for certain expenditures. At this time Mark is requesting approval to spend \$16,500 for the fireworks show as well as \$30,000 for the Saturday entertainment which will be a national original artist touring band. A motion to approve the expenditures was made by Karen Ellison, seconded by Jake Huelat. Nicole Messacar inquired where the funding for LakeFest comes from. Lakefest is funded through donations and sponsorships as well as alcohol sales. With this year's event the committee is wanting to create a VIP section and charge for this area. This would be in front of the stage and allow those purchasing VIP tickets to have front row seating. Nicole Messacar voiced her concerns with this event being placed with the Park Department. Mitch Feikes asked who ultimately was responsible for the event. Mark Schreiber oversees this event along with the LakeFest committee. The motion to approve the 2 expenditures for LakeFest was approved 4-1.

BOARD MEMBER/DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

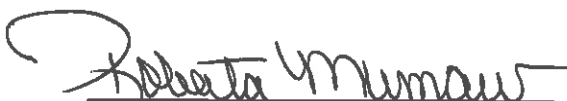
Mark Schreiber informed the Board that with the addition of the Park Assistant we will continue to operate park concessions this year.

Kyle Cashmer stated the golf course will hopefully be opening next week.

Pam Carroll stated that the Activity Center for Older Adults will be holding a Senior Prom April 30 at Cummings Lodge.

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


 Mitch Feikes, President


 Roberta Mumaw, Vice President

Approved: 4-19-23