

LA PORTE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 21, 2023

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

RECOGNITIONS

None

MINUTES

The minutes from the previous meeting were unanimously approved on a motion from Nicole Messacar, seconded by Denise Bealor.

BILLS AND CLAIMS

The bills and claims in the amount of \$167,978.77 were unanimously approved on a motion by Denise Bealor, seconded by Nicole Messacar.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Mark Schreiber requested approval from the Park Board for the 5-year Master Plan so that this can be submitted to DNR for approval. The past 5 years of budgets and program attendance have been added to the plan as well as the survey information. The motion to accept and approve the 5-year Master Plan was made by Nicole Messacar, seconded by Denise Bealor. Mark Schreiber stated that with the next Master Plan he will seek funding to hire an outside consultant to assist in this process. Mitch Feikes complimented Mark and the staff on all the work that has been done within the parks. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mark Schreiber informed the Board the open house meeting for both the new Stone Lake Lodge and Kesling Park ball diamond expansion was held on June 6 with approximately 23 residents in attendance. There were great questions on both projects from those in attendance. The next step is to get a financial plan in place. There is a lead funder for the additional lodge, and the ball diamond expansion will be done in phases.

NEW BUSINESS

Mark Schreiber stated that with the funding from the Healthcare Foundation for the Activity Center for Older Adults they have requested that a strategic plan be completed. The ACOA advisory committee was formed to complete this plan. Denise Bealor represented the Park Board also on the committee were Rev. John Albers, Steve Bernth, Dee DeVincent, Shelli Kermin, Steve Raymond, Ronda Powell, Pam Carroll and Cindy Polito. The completed strategic plan was presented to the Board for approval and will be on file at the Park Office and included in the minute book. The motion to accept the strategic plan was unanimously approved on a motion by Nicole Messacar, seconded by Denise Bealor.

Mark Schreiber is requesting permission from the Board to allow Meals on Wheels to distribute their meals that are prepared in Michigan City at the ACOA. This would be pending approval from Northwest Health. They would not be subletting from us but collaborating with us for their operation. The meals would also be provided to those attending the Activity Center. They would occupy the area for approximately 3-4 hours daily distributing meals and any administrative duties on the local level. The motion to approve the collaboration with Meals on Wheels was made by Denise Bealor, seconded by Nicole Messacar. Mark Schreiber stated that he is on the Board of Directors for Meals on Wheels. Motion passed unanimously.