

**La Porte Park and Recreation Department  
Board Meeting Minutes  
July 19, 2023**

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

**Recognitions**

None

**Minutes**

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

**Bills and Claims**

The bills and claims in the amount of \$70,502.73 were unanimously approved on a motion by Joe Ault, seconded by Karen Ellison.

**Public Comment**

None

**Sub-Committee Reports**

None

**Old Business**

Mark Schreiber informed the Board that he is currently working on estimated income for the additional lodge that will help with the overall cost projections. Final costs and plans are currently being worked on to come up with a plan for recommendation.

**New Business**

Mark Schreiber made the following requests for Lakefest:

- 1) Allow parking in the grass as well as the use of utility vehicles in Soldiers, Unlty, and Fox Parks
- 2) Extension of Park hours to midnight and overnight parking for the Jet ski teams.

The request was unanimously approved on a motion by Karen Ellison, seconded by Nicole Messacar.

Mark Schreiber requested permission to allow the Bluesfest event held August 12 in Fox park to be allowed to park on the grass and to extend park hours to midnight. The request was passed unanimously on a motion by Nicole Messacar, seconded by Denise Bealor.

Mark Schreiber requested permission to allow the Tour De La Porte event that will be held August 25-27 to park on the grass that will also include the use of utility vehicles. The request passed unanimously on a motion by Nicole Messacar, seconded by Karen Ellison.

Mark Schreiber requested permission to allow The Guardian Riders music event that will be held August 26 permission to park on the grass that will also include the use of utility vehicles as well as to extend park hours to midnight. The request was unanimously approved on a motion by Karen Ellison, seconded by Denise Bealor.

Mark Schreiber stated that the Bolt for The Heart 5/10K will be held at Cummings Lodge October 14 and they as well as the mayor's office have requested permission to place a banner at the lodge with information regarding the event as well as a QR code for the event.

This event works in conjunction with the Play for Jake Foundation whose mission is to place AEDs in schools as well as police vehicles. The request to allow a sign to be placed at Cummings Lodge was unanimously approved on a motion by Denise Bealor, seconded by Karen Ellison.

Mark Schreiber handed out to the Board the cost estimates and information for the security cameras within the parks that was received from our summer intern. The main areas to be focused on are the Beachhouse, kayak launch, Cummings Lodge, Park Office & Maintenance facility, Fort La Play, and the Dennis F. Smith Amphitheater. This is currently for informational purpose with no recommendation being made at tonight's meeting.

**Board/Department Head Comments**

Mark Schreiber informed the Board that there are e-bikes allowed on the trails up to a certain classification. If they go over 20 mph, they are not allowed. In the future there may need to be a speed limit and further rules established for the trails. This would be for the multi-use trails.


Pam Carroll informed the board that their will be an open house held at the Activity Center for Older Adults on August 21 from 4:00-6:00pm.

Brett Binversie stated that the construction at the Civic continues as is currently still on schedule. Monday at 8:00am they will be making the announcement for the re-dedication concert to be held September 22.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Nicole Messacar, seconded by Karen Ellison.



Mitch Feikes, President



Roberta Mumaw, Secretary

Approved: 8-16-23