

**LA PORTE PARK AND RECREATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 18, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by Jake Heulat who ran the meeting in the absence of President Mitch Feikes and Vice President Nicole Messacar. Mr. Heulat also led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance, also attending were Joe Ault, Karen Ellison, Denise Bealor, Mark Schreiber, Pam Carroll, Kyle Cashmer, 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 Jake Heulat.

Bills and Claims

The bills and claims in the amount of \$127,902.11 were unanimously approved on a motion by Denise Bealor, seconded by Joe Ault.

Public Comment

None

Sub-Committee

There were no sub-committee meetings, however Mark Schreiber stated that with the city hiring a new IT director, Roscoe Hoffman, he will be joining the sub-committee that was recently formed to evaluate the security cameras that will be placed in the parks.

Old Business

There is nothing new to report on the additional lodge and Kesling baseball complex.

New Business

David Heinold, who was to present the trails and greenways update was unable to attend and will be at the November meeting to give that update. Mark Schreiber did state the City Council has approved the plan, but we would like to have Park Board approval.

Mark Schreiber requested permission from the Board to purchase and place new piers at the public boat launch on Stone Lake once the funding source is identified and approval from DNR is secured. The piers would be purchased from John Diedrich who fabricates the piers locally. The purchase price would be approximately \$3500. Funding for this still needs to be secured. The launch is owned by DNR, but they will not replace the existing piers that are there. The motion to proceed with the purchase of new piers for the Stone Lake public launch once funding and DNR approval are secured was unanimously approved on a motion by Joe Ault, seconded by Karen Ellison.

Brett Binversie requested permission from the Board to add a 3% service fee on transactions at the Civic Auditorium over \$100. The motion to add a 3% service charge to all credit card transactions over \$100 was unanimously approved on a motion by Karen Ellison, seconded by Denise Bealor.

Mark Schreiber requested permission from the Board to change the November board meeting as he and Pam Carroll will be out of town for the IPRA annual conference. The motion to change the November board meeting to Monday November 13 at 4:00pm was made by Denise Bealor, seconded by Karen Ellison. The motion was approved unanimously.

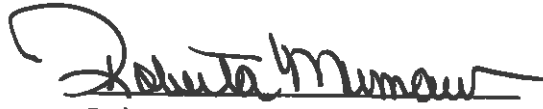
Pam Carroll informed the board that she has submitted her letter of retirement to Mark Schreiber effective December 31. With vacation time Pam's last day in the office will be December 22. Mark Schreiber stated that the position has been posted with the city as well as with IPRA.

Mark Schreiber informed the city council has approved the 2024 budget and once available they will be distributed to the board.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Denise Bealor, seconded by Karen Ellison.



Mitch Feikes, President



Roberta Mumaw, Secretary

Approved: 11-13-23