

**LA PORTE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
BOARD MINUTES
AUGUST 21, 2024**

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 Thor Thordarson, Karen Ellison, Mark Schreiber, Brett Blversie, Cole Smith, Kyle Cashmer, Karyl Felkes and Roberta Mumaw.

RECOGNITIONS

NONE

MINUTES

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

BILLS AND CLAIMS

The bills and claims in the amount of \$131,463.62 were unanimously approved on a motion by Karen Ellison, seconded by Thor Thordarson.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SUB-COMMITTEE

None

NEW BUSINESS

Jerry Jackson with the City of La Porte Wastewater presented a request from La Porte County to remedy a water issue along Waverly Road. There is a homeowner that has paved the tree lawn that was once grass and is now causing a water issue on another piece of property. The county is proposing that they build a storm sewer that will disperse the water into a low spot across the street on park property. The work would be done by the county and there would be no cost to the city. The board's concern is that the area would turn into swampy ground and become unusable property. No action was taken by the board at this time.

Mark Schreiber requested permission from the Board to transfer a 2004 Chevy 3500 dump truck to the City Street Department. We have not been using this specific truck since the 2 new dump trucks were purchased in 2023. The request to transfer the 2004 Chevy 3500 dump truck was unanimously approved on a motion by Karen Ellison, seconded by Thor Thordarson.

Mark Schreiber requested Board approval to allow parking on the grass as well as ATVs on the beach for the upcoming Dunebrook Dragon Boat races that will be held September 7 at Stone Lake Beach. The request was unanimously approved on a motion by Karen Ellison, seconded by Thor Thordarson.

BOARD MEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Mark Schreiber informed the Board that we are requesting approval from the City Council for an additional appropriation to our park non-reverting in the amount of \$6500 to cover Lakefest expenses. There will also be transfers made within the non-reverting account.

There has also been a request for additional appropriations for Civic non-reverting as well as Beechwood non-reverting capital.

The Stone Lake trail expansion from Stone Lake beach house past Cummings Lodge to Waverly Road is planned to start this fall with completion in the spring as the grant expires next summer. The extension from Craven Pond to Orchard Avenue is on hold until the Water Department completes the well field. This portion of the trail is funded through a grant from the Health Foundation of La Porte.

Lakefest was successful and well attended with being well attended.

Brett Binversie updated the Board on the upcoming events at the Civic Auditorium:

Sept. 6 Pink Tribute


October 25 – Lover - Taylor Swift Tribute

The Rolling Stones Tribute for November is selling well.

The motion to adjourn was made by Thor Thordarson, seconded by Karen Ellson. Motion approved unanimously.



Mitch Felkes, President



Roberta Mumaw, Secretary

Approved: 9-18-24