

**LA PORTE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
BOARD MINUTES
OCTOBER 16, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by President Mitch Feikes, who also led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Also attending were Karen Ellison, Denise Bealor, Jake Huelat, Mark Schreiber, Kyle Cashmere, Brett Binversie, Cole Smith, Karyl Feikes 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 \$173,059.85 were unanimously approved on a motion by Karen Ellison, seconded by Denise Bealor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SUB-COMMITTEE

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mark Schreiber is requesting permission to enter into an agreement with Crossroad Tours for senior bus trips. The proposal is as follows:

- 1) Members will receive discounted rates for any trips booked
- 2) When members book a trip of 5 or more days, 10% of the fee will be donated back to the ACOA
- 3) For all trips, members will be picked up at an agreed upon location in La Porte

Two trips have been created for our members, a day trip to Four Winds Casino and lunch at Golden Corral, and a day trip to Frankenmuth Michigan at a reduced price as well as a buy one, get one trip free for any members. These are both day trips. The proposal was unanimously approved on a motion by Denise Bealor, seconded by Karen Ellison.

BOARD MEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Mark Schreiber reminded the Board about the upcoming Park Foundation fundraiser "Picnic Under the Stars". The event will be held at the Civic Auditorium on November 15, 2024.

Mark Schreiber also wanted to give credit to his entire staff for their continued extra efforts and hard work. With all of the added events and added amenities to our Parks the entire staff has done a phenomenal job keeping up with the tasks. Financially everything is going well, however from time to time there are budget transfers and additional appropriations that need to be requested. When asking for additional appropriations, we are only asking to spend monies that we have generated.

Denise Bealor thanked the staff for allowing the ACOA to continue at the Civic while their facility is currently closed due to water damage that happened on September 23.

Karen Ellison and Jake Huelat thanked the staff and Mark Schreiber for all of his hard work and dedication.

The motion to adjourn was made by Jake Huelat, seconded by Denise Bealor. Motion passed unanimously.



Mitch Felkes, President

Roberta Mumaw, Secretary

Approved: 11-20-24