

**LA PORTE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
BOARD MINUTES
NOVEMBER 20, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by President Mitch Felkes, who also led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present at the meeting were Karen Ellison, Denise Bealor, Jake Heulat, Nicole Messacar, Mark Schrelber, Cole Smith, 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 Nicole Messacar, seconded by Denise Bealor.

BILLS AND CLAIMS

The bills and claims in the amount of \$137,786.28 were unanimously approved on a motion by Karen Ellison, seconded by Denise Bealor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mark Schrelber informed the Board that we are entering into the 3rd and final year of the ice rink agreement with Wayne Sebold. The rink will open November 29 – January 26, 2025. We are adding some free Fridays and buy one get one skates on Sundays through sponsorships. The total commitment to Wayne Sebold for this year was scheduled to be \$46,500 that included the final rink payment, service contract and the use of his chiller. Unfortunately, the chiller is not operational this year, so we have had to reach out to United Rentals for the chiller rental. The rental cost will be approximately \$27,000. Mr. Sebold is willing to deduct the rental cost of the chiller from his final balance due, for a total of \$19,500 due to Mr. Sebold. The chiller cost is priced through Sourcewell through their government pricing program. The motion to approve the rental of the chiller for the 2024-2025 skate season was unanimously approved on a motion by Denise Bealor, seconded by Karen Ellison.

Brett Binversie explained to the park continuing issues with the elevator at the Civic Auditorium. There have been several companies in for emergency repairs on the elevator. The elevator is reaching the end of its mechanical life. To get the elevator operational, \$9,000 has been spent so far. The hydraulic pump is no longer working. The repair cost is \$30,750. The Civic advisory board has agreed to make the repair with monies paid from the Eleanor Fox Fund. The repair is expected to be completed by December 7. This is information for the Park Board only, as the Eleanor Fox Fund is overseen by the Civic Advisory Board. The long-term plan would be to install a second elevator that would service only the 1st floor and balcony. This would lessen the burden on the original elevator. Mitch Felkes suggested

possible grants available for ADA. Brett Binversie stated they are investigating grant options through the Christopher Reeve foundation.

Mark Schreiber has been approached by John Diedrich regarding installing a new boat dock that would be built at a 60-degree angle off the current docks on Pine Lake by the Blue Heron. There is a discussion with the engineer's office as well as the City attorney regarding riparian rights. This is due to the fact the Blue Heron is built out on a cove with a curved conjecture. Both legal and engineering are in support of the project. They are asking for the park board to agree to the project. Mark Schreiber feels this would not affect the park in any way. A motion stating that the Park Board agrees to John Diedrich placing additional docks on Pine Lake (location map included) was made by Jake Huelat, seconded by Karen Ellison. Mark Schreiber stated any further approval would come from DNR as the lake is owned by the State of Indiana. Mitch Felkes is concerned that the docks would obstruct the view of the park. Nicole Messacar would like to know how many vehicles they expect and do they have an alternative place for them to Park on their property. Mitch Felkes would like a bigger print with property lines and buildings clearly marked. A motion was made by Nicole Messacar to table the previous motion pending more information be brought to the board, seconded by Karen Ellison. Motion approved unanimously.

Mark Schreiber requested an increase in fees for Cummings Lodge for the 2026 rental season. The request is as follows:

GENERAL RENTAL (FRIDAY)	\$375
NON-PROFIT (FRIDAY)	\$245
GENERAL RENTAL (SATURDAY-SUNDAY)	\$450
NON-PROFIT (SATURDAY-SUNDAY)	\$295
GENERAL RENTAL (MONDAY-THURSDAY)	\$210
NON-PROFIT (MONDAY-THURSDAY)	\$135

A motion to increase the mentioned rates for Cummings Lodge was unanimously approved on a motion by Nicole Messacar, seconded by Jake Huelat.

Kyle Cashmer is requesting the following rate increase on cart fees for Beechwood fees:

	2024		2025 Proposed	
	Green Fee Walking	Green Fee W/ Cart	Green Fee Walking	Green Fee W/ Cart
Weekend	\$ 38	\$ 54	\$ 38	\$ 56
Weekend Twilight	\$ 25	\$ 41	\$ 25	\$ 43
Weekend 9 Hole	\$ 24	\$ 32	\$ 24	\$ 33
Weekend 9 Hole Twilight	\$ 20	\$ 28	\$ 20	\$ 29
Weekday	\$ 28	\$ 44	\$ 28	\$ 46
Weekday Senior	\$ 20	\$ 35	\$ 18	\$ 36
Weekday Junior	\$ 10	\$ 28	\$ 10	\$ 28
Weekday Twilight (After 2pm)	\$ 20	\$ 36	\$ 20	\$ 38
City Employee 18 Hole	\$ 15	\$ 25	\$ 15	\$ 25
City Employee 9 Hole	\$ 10	\$ 18	\$ 10	\$ 19
Weekday 9 Hole	\$ 17	\$ 25	\$ 17	\$ 26
Wednesday Special		\$ 30		\$ 30

Memberships

Greens Fee Only Memberships 7 Days a Week

Single Membership	\$ 900	\$ 950
Associate Membership Age 45 and under	\$ 750	\$ 750
Family Membership	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,300
each dependent 18 and under	\$ 150	\$ 150
Full Time City Employees	\$ 550	\$ 550

Greens Fee Only Limited (Weekends after 12:00)

Senior Membership	\$ 700	\$ 700
Junior Membership	\$ 250	\$ 250
College Student (up to age 25)	\$ 350	\$ 350

All Inclusive Memberships

All Inclusive Membership	\$ 1,650	\$ 1,650
New Member All Inclusive	\$ 1,350	\$ 1,350
Family All Inclusive	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,300
Dependent All Inclusive	\$ 250	\$ 250

Carts (Per Person)	\$16	\$16
Carts (Per Person 9 Hole)	\$8	\$8
Cart Pass 30 Rounds	\$400	\$400

Pavilion Fee	\$200	\$200
Locker Fee	\$80	\$80

Outings

Monday-Friday	All Outings	\$40	All Outings	\$ 42.00
Saturday-Sunday		\$44		\$ 46.00

Leagues

9 Hole	\$14	\$22	\$ 14	\$ 23
18 Hole	\$14	\$27	\$ 14	\$ 29

The motion was unanimously approved.

Brett Binversie is requesting the following fee increases for the Civic Auditorium:

	2024	Proposed 2025
Entire Building	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Weddings	\$2,000.00	\$2,200.00
Main Floor (Ticketed)	\$1,900.00	\$2,000.00
Main Floor (Non-Profit/Non-Ticketed)	\$1,300.00	\$1,900.00
Holiday/Sunday Booking surcharge	up to \$400	up to \$400
Main Floor (Symphony)	\$975.00	\$1,000.00
Friday Hold (with approval from director)	up to \$400	up to \$600
Friday Hold Non Profit (with approval of director)	\$450.00	\$450.00
Entire Lower Level	\$900.00	\$900.00
Banquet Room	\$700.00	\$700.00
Meeting Room 1	\$200.00	\$250.00
Meeting Room 2	\$180.00	\$230.00
Meeting Room 3	\$225.00	\$250.00
Additional hour rate		
Clean Up Fee (balcony)	\$250-\$500	\$250-\$500
	(Director discretion/size of event)	
Labor rates per man hour	\$60.00	\$65.00
Labor Rates per man hour-Sunday		\$85.00
Kitchen Rental		
Linens (market rate)		
Linen Handling Fee (varies size of order)		
Per table	\$5.00	\$3.50
Xlong Linens	\$20.00	\$20.00
Napkins	.50 each	
Sound usage		up to \$400
Concession frames		up to \$20 each
Bar pricing (exceptions only for special requests)		\$2 up to \$25
Cosumer Hanging Fee		\$250.00
Tech/Service Fee (events 100-400)	\$25-\$50	\$25-\$50
Tech/Service Fee (events 401 and up)	\$50-\$100	\$50-\$100

The motion to approve the proposed 2025 Civic Auditorium fees was approved unanimously on a motion by Denise Bealor, seconded by Nicole Messacar.

Mark Schreiber is requesting permission from the board to enter into a 3-year concession contract with Rodney Dumas, owner of Hot Rod Snow Cones. Hot Rod Snow Cones ran concessions at Kesling Park for 2024. Not only is Rodney one of the best and easiest vendors to work with, but he has also raised the quality and volume of concessions offered. The only addition to the contract would be the addition of Ron Reed Field as well as Kesling. The motion to enter into a 3 year contract with Rodney Dumas, Hot Rod Snow Cones for Kesling Park and Ron Reed field was unanimously approved on a motion by Karen Ellison, seconded by Jake Huelat.

Mark Schreiber is requesting from the Board permission to dispose of a 2004 Chevy truck that was previously approved to be transferred to the Street Department. Unfortunately, the vehicle is unable to be repaired and now needs to be disposed. The motion to dispose of the 2004 Chevy truck was unanimously approved on a motion by Karen Ellison, seconded by Denise Bealor.

Mark Schreiber is requesting permission to allow horses in Soldiers Memorial Park for Winterfest on January 26, 2025, for the Winterfest carriage rides. The request was unanimously approved on a motion by Nicole Messacar, seconded by Denise Bealor.

DEPARTMENTHEAD/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Brett Binversie reminded everyone of the Jumping Jack Flash – Rolling Stones Tribute Friday at 6:00. There are also a variety of Christmas events coming up at the Civic during the month of December.

Kyle Cashmer stated that Beechwood Golf Course closed for the season today.

The motion to adjourn was made by Nicole Messacar, seconded by Jake Huelat. Motion passed unanimously.



Mitch Felkes, President



Roberta Mumaw, Secretary

Approved: 12.18.24