

Attendance: Tonya Faupel, Teresa Hatten, Mike Clendenen, Irv Arnold, Leon Davis, Kim Yoh, Nick Goranson, Sarah Miller
Attorney: Steve Harants

PARK BOARD MEETING

Minutes

Monday, June 6, 2022

6:00 P.M.

Location: **New Haven Community Center**

Call to Order

Leon Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

- A. Please Silence Cell Phones, Pagers, and Electronic Devices
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

- Leon Davis made a motion to approve the May 7, 2022, minutes. Tanya Faupel seconded. Motion carried.
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Approval of Claims

- Irv Arnold presented the 5/2/2022 claims as follows:

Monthly Claims:	\$ 111,120.62
Payroll	\$ 25,717.07
Payroll	\$ 37,727.79
Utilities/Prepays	\$ 5,336.26
Utilities/Prepays	\$ 911.35
Utilities/Prepays	\$ <u>158.94</u>
Grand total of Claims:	\$ 180,972.03

Mike Clendenen explained several of the monthly claims.

Leon made a motion to approve the claims. Teresa seconded. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Park Property Swap Discussion
Steve Harrants stated that the agreement had to be redone. Once that occurs, then it will be signed and surveyed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Jury Pool Repair Discussion
 - The competition pool needs to be painted. Mike found only one contractor who paints commercial pools, American Clean & Seal from Indianapolis, their quote is \$36,317 to clean paint.

- Mike offered a new pool liner as an alternative to the paint. He received favorable recommendations from Brown County YMCA and Valparaiso Parks for the liners solution.
 - Mike received two bids for a liner that would cover the tile and is warranted for 10 years. One from Natara for \$68,800 and from RenoSys Corp. for \$55,000. Mike stated that there is currently \$70k in the non-pool revenue fund and \$55k could be covered.
 - Mike also mentioned that they are seven years away from the bond being paid off. Once the bond is up, he suggested that it could be renewed for another 20 years. Then at that point they could address a stainless-steel gutter system and address the leisure pool then.
 - Mike recommended to add the liner and work by RenoSys Corp. Tonya stated that the liner was a smart idea and made a point that it could last longer than the warranty.
 - Irv made a motion to approve, and Tanya seconded. Motion carried
- Community Center Expansion Discussion
 - Mike explained that phase 3 proposal for new locker rooms plus gymnasium. Stated a Field House would not happen here due to the expansion of the property to the west of the Community Center. An announcement will be made by the City for that in the next few weeks.
 - Mike stated that a bond could be borrowed for up to \$5 million for the project and could include additional items.
 - Klotz Park improvements
 - The trail boardwalks need to be repaired and is currently working to receive an estimate
 - Werling park – parking lot needs to be paved, and drainage issue. Someday would like to put a playground in.
 - Expand Schnelker restroom building to add storage.
 - The Community Center expansion estimate from MKM Design came in at \$3.5million to add a gymnasium and locker rooms. Other items this would cover:
 - Sewer issue – lines would be re-routed with the expansion.
 - \$100,000 to be used for a whole building generator for emergencies
 - \$100,000 to be used for court lighting (pickleball, basketball)
 - Adding a pavilion here and additional seating is needed
 - Expanded child watch
 - ADA access to fitness center
 - 24-hour access to gym; expanded security cameras and fencing
 - Mike will have more details in two weeks at the next board meeting related to costs figured with/ without the gymnasium included.
- Klotz Park
 - About 20% of the taxes are from these Fort Wayne residents that live in Adams-Township and that Klotz Park is in desperate need of renovation
 - Mike discussed amending the ordinance with Fort Wayne and put the \$30,000 toward improvements.

- Dog Park
 - The mayor mentioned a developer is building a dog park and if the parks department took over operations & maintenance then it could be open the public.
 - Mike has concerns with the dog park based on maintenance, cleaning, additional security costs, and other items such as ensuring keylocks, memberships and insurance.
 - The board will wait to vote on this until it is put in front of them as a formal request.

- Rental Request
 - Mike shared that Neighbors House Community Church was interested in renting on a long-term arrangement. The Park has not historically offered long term rentals.
 - Steve Harrants suggested that we allow the church to rent the available dates and work to create a policy that addresses multiple rentals and for no more than one month at a time.
 - Leon suggested that we circle back at the next board meeting to come up with a policy for future rental guidelines.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Mike mentioned that the City contracted with DLZ to see what and how they lack with ADA requirements. The City had asked Mike to join in this effort. Our portion of the contract cost is \$20,000. Mike wants to talk to DLZ to have them work with him directly, review our properties, and find out where our deficiencies are and timelines for repairing. To have federal grants, it is critical to have this compliance. The Park Board agreed with Mike that the Park handle this.

- Sarah presented the following Resolutions:
 1. \$500.00 Veterans Memorial repair. Donation by Calvin Bledsoe
 2. \$200.00 Veterans Memorial repair. Donation by American Legion Squadron #330
 3. \$300.00 Veterans Memorial repair. Donation by American Legion Auxillary #330
 4. \$250.00 Veterans Memorial repair. Donation by New Haven Lion's Club
 5. \$500.00 Schnelker Park 100th Annivesary Renovation. Lou & Sharon Ehinger
 6. \$ 75.00 Swim Scholarships. Meadowbrook Community Association

Teresa motioned to approve. Tanya seconded.

OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT:

- None

RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Mike said that the Summer programs started. Free LEARN lunches are now being offered at Schnelker Park and the Community Center. Part time staff is hired.

AQUATIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Kim Yoh said less staff is a challenge this year so making the swim classes fewer and larger. Working on staffing.
- Kim discussed the pool closer over the prior weekend was due to a patron informing Kim that they had seen a gun in a bookbag. Kim closed the front gate and called the police. The gun could not be located but everyone was kept in the gates until the police arrived. Office then suggested the pool be closed for safety reasons.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- Business as Usual per Nick

BOARD COMMENTS:

- None

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm

Attested by: _____ Signed by: _____