

Huntingburg Park Board Meeting

May 20, 2013

Park Board Members Present: Mike Fulkerson, Mande Keusch, Jason Lange, and Jose Gil

Park Employees Present: Jim Rueger

- I. Mike made the motion to approve the claims. Jason seconded. Board approved 4-0.
- II. Mike made the motion to approve the April minutes. Jason seconded. Board approved 4-0.
- III. Don Foerster presented information to the Board about the Youth Triathlon on Saturday, July 27th. Board approved 4-0.
- IV. Splash Park: On May 10th Spear Corporation gave the park employees a run through on how to operate and maintain the equipment at the Splash Park. The system is run through a computer and uses a sensor to start the water. Currently the sensor is set for 4 minutes. There is a separate water meter to keep track of the water usage of the Splash Park. If water features are set on full blast it can use 134 gallons a minute. The Splash Park is set on a timer and will shut off at 8:30 PM. This can be adjusted based on need and usage. There will be a brief opening dedication on May 25th at 11:45 AM before the opening of the pool. The benches are not yet in. There will be some landscaping done and the dirt pile removed.
- V. Swimming Pool: The pool was recently repainted. They had to use 65 gallons of paint for 2 coats. Water will be put in the pool once the paint dries in a few days. The pool is painted every three years.
- VI. League Stadium: The majority of the graphics on the outside of the stadium are done. A few minor things still to do. Approximately \$40,000 has been spent on the painting and upgrades. Missy Able Welp has repainted one of the original League of Their Own movie signs on the inside of the stadium fence. She will redo all the wood signs this year.
- VII. Golf Driving Range: Currently we have taken in \$2,561 which is \$1,100 behind last year's amount. Bermuda is being sown between 100 and 200 yard markers. Had to put weed kill down before Bermuda was sown which is why it looks dead.
- VIII. Other Projects:
 - a. On May 14th, five seniors for Southridge High School came to paint some of the stadium fence.
 - b. On May 17th, thirty 8th graders helped screw stadium boards on the outfield fence and picked up trash at Southside Park as well as helped edge the Girls Softball Field.
 - c. Jim met with Tim Beck about the archery range. He has a preliminary layout to take to DNR before the next steps. The range will be paid for with grant money and money from the Sportsman Club. There will be added cost to the Parks Department for additional mowing.
 - d. Jim reported that the cost of adding a vandal proof water fountain to the Niehaus Park would cost \$750. The water fountains in the Park are not working due to the battery packs lasting only 2 years.
 - e. Jim reported that the Music in the Park series is insured through the Chamber of Commerce. He would like to see a contract made between the Park and Music in the Park next year and also have them reserve the shelter house on the dates they would like to play, to avoid conflicts with people renting the shelter house.
 - f. Retaining wall at Southside Park is complete. Some water fountains in dugouts had to be removed due to leaking.
 - g. Curbs installed by East end of City Park where road was repaired.
 - h. 2 areas prepared for sidewalk replacement.
 - i. Blacktop by walking trail was fixed with rock base before paving.
 - j. Paint striping of parking lot to be done.

- k. Kevin Schroering will be doing the curbing for the playground that needs to be completed before rubber tiles can be installed. Had to contract this work out since the Park employees did not have the manpower to complete the task.

IX. Miscellaneous:

- a. The college tourney that was to be held at League Stadium was moved to Columbus, Ohio due to rain. The Division 1 tourney did not play at the Stadium on Friday night, instead they played 5 games on Saturday and 1 on Sunday.
- b. 160 hours of community service through the Department of Corrections has been put towards park work in the last two months by weed eating, painting and marking parking lots.
- c. Former Park Board member, John Broeker, has donated 4 trees to the Park. They will be put in the area near the Splash Park and a plaque will be made in his honor.
- d. Mike suggested adding sensor lights to all park bathrooms to cut down on electricity costs.
- e. Mande discussed the need to add latches on the woman's bathroom stalls at the Little League field. Jim discussed adding hand dryers instead of paper towel dispensers next year.
- f. Mike suggested Jim talks with the Dubois County Park Board (4-H fairgrounds) to determine how much the disc golf course is utilized before deciding if it is something our park would like to pursue.
- g. Mike asked about the possibility of adding a gazebo at the City Park in the future. Jim commented that the Mayor is looking into this idea.

X. Employees:

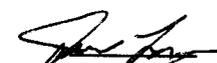
- a. Jim thanked the Park employees for all of their hard work in the last few months. They have been going above and beyond their usual duties. They assisted with the set up and tear down of the Wine Fest, helped the Electric Utility with the setup of the Splash Park, and helped the fence company determine where the lines were that needed to be avoided when putting in the Splash Park fence.
- b. One seasonal worker recently had surgery and is not back to work yet. In June, seasonal workers can work no more than 29 hours. This will affect maintenance.

XL. Adjournment:

- a. Mande made the motion to adjourn. Mike seconded.

President


Secretary


Member


Member