

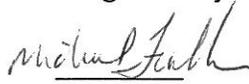
Huntingburg Park Board Meeting

February 25, 2014

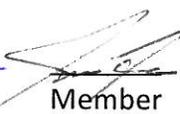
Park Board Members Present: Mike Fulkerson, Jason Lange, Jose Gil, and Mande Keusch

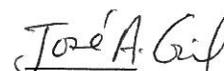
City Employees Present: Jim Rueger

- I. Mande made the motion to approve claims. Board approved 4-0.
- II. Mike made the motion to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2014 meeting. Board approved 4-0.
- III. Director's Report:
 - A. League Stadium: The forms were set and the center wall and dugout walls were poured. The walls are red tinted poured concrete that look like brick. They will be working on the dugout floors next. The League Stadium lettering has been completed. The first row of seats were removed. A new backstop will be added. Metal frames for the concrete roofs for the dugouts will be worked on Monday. With the ground thawing, the trucks did damage in some areas in foul territory which will need to be repaired. Jason Thacker is completing the new hardy board by the handicapped ramp. Wording will be added, possibly "Home of the Southridge Raiders" as well as the list of the movies made there.
 - B. Maintenance Building: It will take about three weeks to get a building permit once Mr. Wallem submits his plans.
 - C. Niehaus Park: Rip rap was put by the lake and large rocks added. Dubois County Soil & Water Conservation District had a prior concern about adding extra rock around the lake and culvert to prevent further eroding and stabilizing the area.
 - D. Turf Conference: Three employees went to the conference in Evansville. Jim discussed some of the benefits of going, the presenters and what tips they learned. Doug Gallant, Head Groundskeeper for the Cincinnati Reds had ideas on how to do things better, especially in the winter.
 - E. NRPA Conference: Dale Payne passed the recent playground safety exam to be re-certified.
- IV. Approval of 2014 Little League Lease: There were no changes from last year on the lease. Mande made the motion to approve the lease. Mike seconded. Board approved 4-0.
- V. Approval of 2014 Girl's Softball Lease: Jim stated that the only change that was made from last year is he took out the items that were struck off of last year's lease that Tim Wehr wanted removed. Mike made a motion to approve the lease. Jose seconded. Board approved 4-0.
- VI. Comments:
 - A. Jim discussed that Rachel Berg, the Youth Director at Salem Church, emailed him regarding using the park for a 30 hour famine youth activity. The students would be sleeping in cardboard boxes on the property for the night. The committee discussed that the Teen Outback might be a better option since they would be seen more at that location. Liability and supervision issues were discussed. Jim suggested inviting her to come to the next meeting to discuss details so the Board can make a more informed decision.
 - B. Mande mentioned that the ground behind Niehaus Park is for sale and this might be an area to possibly purchase to expand the park. Jim stated he will look into it more.
 - C. Mike stated that at the Planning Commission meeting there was discussion of the possibility of someone buying the hospital and turning into senior housing similar to the Stork Place. Mande commented how there is a need for a park on the northern end of town where there are many young families. The hospital grounds would be a good place to add one, possibly with a walking trail that the residents at the senior center could also easily access.
- VII. Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.


President


Secretary


Member


Member