

**Huntingburg Park Board Meeting**

**April 21, 2014**

**Park Board Members present: Mike Fulkerson, Jason Lange, Mande Keusch, Jose Gil**

**City Employee Present: Jim Rueger**

I. Mike made a motion to approve the claims. Mande seconded. Board approved 4-0.

II. Mike made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 17th board meeting. Jose seconded. Board approved 4-0.

III. Teen Outback: Ralph Begle and Jeff Bounds, members of the Teen Outback Board of Directors, updated the Park Board on the status of the teen outback since they received funds from the Park Board to help pay for a full time employee. April Blessinger was hired on. The position was originally part-time then recently moved to full time in July of 2013. The daycare is now using the building Monday-Friday from 6:00-6:00. The after school program is from 3:30-6:00. Last year the Teen Outback hosted 340 events. They averaged 106 kids at events. They thanked the board for the past financial support. The Board committed \$10,000 in 2012, 2013 & 2014. Jeff asked what the appropriate channels would be to request further funding to help with the ongoing staffing cost. Jim said the city budget is due July 1st so requests would need to be made in writing to add to the budget if approved by the board.

IV. Director's Report:

A. League Stadium-the backstop netting was attached and sod work was done to repair damages. Some sprinkler heads need to be repaired. 70 tons of clay for warning track was installed. The brick dust had to first be removed. KWK painted some interior aisles in the stadium. The semi-state baseball tournament is no longer going to be at the stadium.

B. Golf Driving Range-the past weekend was the busiest on record. It brought in \$175 in one day. This year it has brought in \$1,500. This time last year it made \$900.

C. Flood Damages-pictures of flood damage was reviewed. A 20 ft culvert at Niehaus park was washed out as well as some dirt at the Girls softball field.

D. Projects-

1. Building permit given April 1st for maintenance building. It will take about 2 weeks for the contractor to get started on it.

2. The crew is working on putting the softball field back together as well as Southside field after the flood damages.

3. Some floor boards in the stadium are being worked on.

4. An Eagle Scout project that will be done if approved is to add landscaping by the tennis courts.

5. Sensors for the restrooms have been ordered and will be installed by Fischer Electric for about \$147 a piece including labor.

E. Full Time Employee-Harold Meyer is leaving to go to work for another department. This will put the park in a bind since Harold was an electrician and welder and could run equipment. He was also trained on the Splash park and helped with the playground surfacing. They would have to advertise in house for 7 days for a new employee.

F. Comments-

1. Rita Reller from the Senior Center came to update the board on their upcoming trip to West Virginia. Forty-four people signed up to go. The second trip they had planned was canceled since no one signed up to go. It was a week long trip and they decided that was too long. Rita will be paid for her time on the trip. The VFW donated some tables to the center recently. The center is looking into moving into a building on the hospital grounds.

2. Jim is working on getting quotes for walking trail repairs. He hopes to have those at the next meeting.

G. Adjournment-Jason made a motion to adjourn. Mande seconded.



President



Secretary



Member

Member