

Huntingburg Park Board Meeting

July 21, 2014

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

Board member absent: Jose Gil

City Employee Present: Jim Rueger

I. Approval of Claims: Mande made a motion to approve all claims. Mike seconded. Board approved 3-0.

II. Approval of minutes: Jason made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 16 meeting. Mande seconded. Board approved 3-0.

III. Request to lease League Stadium for movies: Kim Kendall with St. Mary's Outreach Ministry requested using League Stadium for free movie nights. There will be volunteers to monitor the event and clean up, but a park employee would need to open up and lock the stadium as well as turn lights on. She would like to start in the fall. She has ordered a screen and it will be in in a few weeks. Their insurance is covered through the Diocese. For the movie in the fall during the Herbstfest they will be under their lease but Jim feels they need a lease drawn up for future movies. He will get one drawn up. The park board agrees to developing a lease.

IV. Bicycle Vending Presentation: Chris James with the Dubois County Leadership Academy presented information on a bicycle vending program they wish to start at the City Park. Zagster is the company who would be in charge of providing the bikes as well as handling the financi side and repair of bikes when needed. The start up cost will be around \$10,000 with around \$3,000 for the initial set up. The Leadership Academy feels that putting the concrete pad by the swimming pool where it will be visible and well lit. The Leadership Academy is seeking grants from the Dubois County Foundation to help with the initial start up fee. The Park would be responsible for the on-going costs if the program continues. The park board feels that the program should be included in the 2015 budget but data on usage of the bikes should be evaluated to determine if the bike rentals will continue to be offered after the one year lease.

V. Director's Report:

A. Golf Driving Range: The driving range has made around \$6,300 this year which is about \$300 more than last year.

B. Pool: The pool has brought in around \$25,554 this year which is about \$5,000 behind last year due to the colder weather. The Splash Park sidewalk has had about 5 pours and has about 1 1/2 to go. The pool will close August 5th and at that time the Splash Park will open from 8:30 a.m. To 8:30 p.m.

C. Projects:

1. The mats for the playground on Cherry Street will be laid once the Splash Park sidewalk is completed.
2. The maintenance building electricity is being run by the Electric department. The park bought the needed supplies. The floor has been poured and the drain put in.
3. The girl's softball field is being re-sodded in certain areas where there are holes.
4. Rain at League Stadium caused 2 Sum pumps to burn up because the dugouts were dirty with seeds on floors which clogged the drains and flooded the dugouts. The pumps are being replaced and dugouts were cleaned out. The Bombers will be reminded to clean dugouts after games and practices.

VI. Request to attend NRPA conference: Jim asked the board if he could attend the NRPA conference in Charlotte, NC from Oct 13-17. He would be driving with two guys from Jasper. Board approved 3-0.

VII. 2015 Budget: The treasurer will need Jim's budget request by August 4th and Jim will meet with the City Council on August 13th. Jim is waiting on a few quotes to complete the budget.

Possible budget items:

A. Adding more money for Senior Citizen's budget. They are looking to relocate to a building near the hospital development. It is ADA compliant. This move is part of the Stellar Grant.

B. Expanding Niehaus park would cost an estimated \$50,000 for clearing, rock work and concrete. This could partially be funded with grant money.

C. Paving of parking lots and trails-\$35,000 budgeted

D. Brick Stadium wall- estimated \$68,000 for footer and 8' X 6" wall at 690 feet long.

E. Enclosing large shelter house-budgeted \$14,000

F. Replacement of scoreboard at League stadium-\$14,000-\$19,400 cost for one with LED bulbs and wireless remote. A message board added would be close to the \$19,000 range. Additional signage could be added to help with costs.

G. Adults with Disabilities program-Mande will send Jim and estimated cost

H. Jim will look into cost of adding a fall rest to the stadium lights as well as adding a roof over the softball bleachers

I. Mike would like to add to the budget items a Gazebo for the City Park

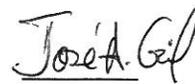
VIII. Comments: Jim has not been getting a schedule of Music in the Park events. He suggests having a lease created with them so they have to coordinate with him before events are scheduled.

IX. Adjournment: Mande made a motion to adjourn. Mike seconded.


President


Secretary


Member


Member