

**Huntingburg Park Board Meeting
August 18, 2014**

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

City Employee present: Jim Rueger

- I. Approval of Claims: Jose made a motion to approve all claims. Mande seconded. Board approved 4-0.
- II. Jason made a motion to approve the minutes from the July meeting. Mike seconded. Board approved 4-0.
- III. Director's Report:
- A. Swimming Pool: The pool made \$32,809 which is around \$5,500 less than last year due to the cooler weather.
 - B. Golf Driving Range: The range was down by about \$1,500 this year from last year. The range will be re-sodded. It will be fertilized this week.
 - C. Girl's softball field: turf fescue was put down around infield. Their fall league started yesterday.
 - D. Maintenance Building: the gas and water need to be hooked up next week but everything else in the building is complete.
 - E. League stadium/City Park removed infield and foul territory grass. Ordered 14,000 sq ft of Bermuda. The company came and put it in. The old grass was taken to Niehaus Park to try and regrow. Another strong rain burned up Sump pumps again and flooded the dugouts. We may need to cut up some concrete and add larger pumps to be able to handle the water. There are trees that need to be cut down by the north playground. The last day for summer help was last Wednesday.
 - F. Splash Park: Last month's water bill was around \$2,600. The sewer is about the same amount. May add a holding tank to catch water to reuse for watering fields, etc.
 - G. Budget: The Capital portion of the budget is \$119,000 for next year. This is about \$100,000 less than what was asked for. With the Stellar Grant, however, some of the projects that were requested to be funded from the budget may get support from the grant (Niehaus trail, bike rentals, senior center). The scoreboard at the stadium may also get funding through business signage.
 - H. Cherry Street Playground: the goal is to have the playground completed with rubber mats by Herbstfest.
 - I. Senior Center: 46 seniors went on the trip to Virginia. They are considering going to Derby Dinner next.
- IV. Herbstfest Lease: The only change on the lease from last year is that they are only going to have the parade on Sunday. No booths will be open on Sunday. Mande made a motion to approve the lease. Jose seconded. Board approved 4-0.
- V. Relay For. Life: Susie Loven, co-chair for Relay For Life of Dubois County approached the board about having a "Bark For Life" relay for people and their dogs to be held behind League Stadium on November 1st from 9-12. Registration will begin at 8:30. They may also have some vendor booths and maybe a vet and groomer on hand. There is a maximum of two dogs per person and the walkers must be 18 and older or accompanied by an adult. Jason made a motion to approve the walk. Mike seconded. Board approved 4-0.
- VII. Comments:
- A. Mike mentioned needing to keep the front entrance of the park free of weeds and well trimmed to make good first impressions. He also discussed having the bushes by the softball field removed and the other shrubs trimmed. Jim stated that he has spoken with Amanda Ferguson about it and she is okay with certain bushes being removed.
 - B. Jim stated that he sent a letter to Tim Wehr about Music in the Park needing to have a lease for next year but he has not heard back from him. The Bombers do not want them to gather on the same day as home games since parking is already limited.
 - C. Mike commented how he is proud of how the board works together and gets along and is able to get things done because of this.
- VIII. Adjournment: Mande made a motion to adjourn. Mike seconded. Board approved 4-0.


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