

**Huntingburg Park Board Meeting**

**December 15, 2014**

**Park Board Members Present: Mike Fulkerson, Jason Lange, Mande Keusch, Jose Gil City Employee present: Jim Rueger**

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

II. Minutes: Jason made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 17th minutes. Jose seconded. Board approved 4-0.

III. Director's Report:

A. Quotes for shade system: Jim presented 3 quotes for a shade system to go over the bleachers at the girl's softball field. Mande made a motion to approve the quote from Serendipity for two shades for a total cost of \$7,045. Mike seconded. Jason suggested that the park build a structure with a roof instead of our purchasing the shades. The board approved the purchase of the shades 3-1.

B. Projects:

1. Jim showed the board pictures of the upgrades done to the break room at the City park. The cost for the project was around \$3,100.

2. Improvements will be made on the men's softball field restrooms. They will combine the two restrooms into one unisex ones so that it can be handicapped accessible.

3. The stadium chairs that are in the lower levels not under cover need to have front legs added to help distribute the weight. Willie is working on designing a fix for the problem. Many boards under the chairs have had to be replaced and in order to do this the chairs have to be taken out. This is a lengthy process. Jason suggested the boards under the chair backs are replaced in sections with a concrete pad instead of constantly replacing the boards. The committee agreed with this suggestion to start in the middle section behind home plate to begin with and work to the sides from there. We can look to doing one or two sections a year depending on the budget.

C. Fence posts: Jim updated the committee on the condition of the fence posts at League Stadium. Many of the posts are rotting and the fence requires a lot of maintenance and upkeep with the painting. Mande suggested getting quotes to see how much a stamped concrete wall would cost to replace the wood fence. The concrete could be stamped to resemble wood planks and could be dyed green to match existing fence if needed. Jim explained that he had looked into prices in the past and had an estimate of approximately \$38,000 for 408 feet. He will gather up quotes for the next meeting. Jason suggested that we get input from the high school team as well as the Mayor and the Bombers about the look of the fence if the board decides to go with a concrete fence.

D. Encumbering funds for 2015: Jim requested that the board uses the \$44,000 in appropriations to pay for the gazebo and the Reel Type mower. Neither of these are in yet. Mande made a motion to purchase these items with the funds. Jose seconded. Board approved 4-0.

E. Comments:

1. Jim reported that he spoke with Tom Dippel and he commented that the cash flow for the park is not as good as usual due to decreased swimming pool and driving range funds this year. They are looking at increasing the funds from Patoka Township to help increase the revenues.

2. Jim reported that the park will receive about \$11,000 for sewer and \$8,500 for water for the overcharge on the Splash Park.

3. Mande stated that the first Adults with Disabilities Social group meeting will be January 29th from 6:30-8:00 at the Teen outback. This will be open to anyone 18 and older. She is looking to get students from the area high schools involved in the program or any other interested volunteers.

5. January meeting date: Due to Martin Luther King Day the January meeting will be Tuesday January 20th.

6. Adjournment: Mande made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike seconded. Board approved 4-0. Meeting ended at 6:20.



President



Secretary

Member



Member