

Huntingburg Park Board

Monday, April 20, 2015

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

City Employees Present: Jim Rueger

I. Approval of Claims: Mike made a motion to approve all claims. Jose seconded. Board approved 4-0.

II. Approval of Minutes: Mike made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2015 meeting. Jason seconded. Board approved 4-0.

III. Director's Report:

A. Guests: Jim and the board members welcomed Brittany Hammock and Taylor Leinenbach from Mr. Gunselman's Government/Econ class at Forest Park.

B. Golf Driving Range: The range has currently brought in \$770. Last year at this time it had brought in \$1,400. The range has not been as used as last year due to all the rain.

C. League Stadium Wall: The wall on the Little League side was started April 2nd and it took about 8 days to finish. The forms were taken down on the other side Friday and it was completed in 4 days. The park will put on the sealer ourselves.

D. League Stadium Scoreboard: The new scoreboard was completed on 3/31, in time for the first home game. Huntingburg Machine Works had to weld extensions on the current posts in order to mount the new scoreboard. The electronics have not been completely programmed yet. Todd Fischer of the City Electric Department is currently working on that. The electronics require a laptop to run and the person using it will need extensive training so the high school team will not likely use the message board part. Old National Bank and Best Home Furnishings are sponsors for the sign. The sponsorship will last 5 years and the cost of \$5,000 per sponsor will be split over a three year period. The art work for the signs have not been made yet. The businesses will submit the artwork to Jim when completed.

E. Gazebo/Shelter Update: The rock footers for the gazebo are in place and the electric has been stubbed in. They are estimating that the gazebo will be completed in late May.

F. Jazz fest: This event was very well attended. The park employees took tables over to the event on Thursday and will assist in taking down the stage tomorrow. OFS set the stage up and the Street Department and Wastewater Department assisted. Due to the stage collapse at the State Fair they can no longer use the flatbed for a stage because it is too high. Next year they will probably rent a stage and have the company set it up themselves. It is in the plans to start on the Market Street Park a week after next year's fest. There will be a stage already built and they will also offer public restrooms in the Parker House building which the Park will be in charge of. This will need to be considered when budgeting for next year.

G. Vandalism: Jim reported that some door handles and mirrors in some of the park bathrooms had been ripped off. They also took the cover off the electrical box by the basketball courts and shut off the power to the stadium scoreboard, during a game in progress.

H. Zagster: This will be starting at the end of May. The 16X6 concrete pad needs to be poured. There will be 6 adult bicycles and 2 youth bicycles, they will charge \$3 per hour. Jim will inform the media of the ribbon capping ceremony.

IV. Old School Baseball League: There is a gentleman who is interested in starting up the Old School Baseball League again this summer. There would be 6 game dates. The first game would be August 1st. Jim stated that he would charge the league \$75 a game. The man would like to have The Gaslight sell beer at the games. This would require the park to supply security which would be an added cost. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

V. Questions/Comments: Mande asked about the water by the 3rd base side at Southside Park. Jim states that someone opened the line to turn on the water, possibly to get a drink, and it the line is not

capped so it was leaking. The line will be capped. Jim spoke with one of the coaches to ask them to talk to the players about not turning it on.

Jason requested that the Board considers adding skyboxes to the sides of the press box at League Stadium which could be rented out during games. They could be air conditioned and also have TVs. Jim states that he will check with the Fire Marshall in regards to these structures as well as look into pricing.

VI. May 18th meeting: The May meeting will be held at the City Park in the new break room.

VII. Adjournment: Mande made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jose seconded. Board approved 4-0.



President



Secretary



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