

Huntingburg Park Board Meeting

February 21, 2012

Park Board Members Present: Mike Fulkerson, Joyce Fleck, Marlene Morgan and Jason Lange.

City Employees Present: Jim Rueger

- I. Marlene made a motion to approve the claims. Joyce seconded. Approved 4-0.
- II. Mike made a motion to approve the January 16<sup>th</sup> minutes. Joyce seconded. Approved 4-0.
- III. Spray Park – Brian Small, City Engineer, presented information on the north side indicating a cost of \$25,000 more than the south because of a retaining wall that would need to be built and a well and pump that would be installed for drainage. Marlene who has been a supporter of the north side, commented that the Splash Park would be used mainly by smaller children and showed concern for their safety. Mike and Jim questioned the younger children being the main users and thought that all age children will visit the Splash Park along with their parents and grandparents. Alia Gasser, pool manager, supported the south side and had information on the north side being congested with concessions and parents at the baby pool with their children. Marlene did not feel that Alia was qualified to determine a location for the Splash Park just because of her position as Pool Manager. Marlene was frustrated and suggested dropping the project all together but the rest of the Board did not want to do that and decided to investigate further at the next meeting. Marlene's motion to drop the project did not receive a second. Mike's motion to wait another year to get more information about the Splash Park before proceeding did not receive a second. Mike requested that Brian bring information on specific costs of preparing both sites assuming they would be identical.
- IV. Director's Report
  - A. Jim updated the Board on several projects. The League Stadium wooden scoreboard has been rebuilt. The home dugout has been remodeled and the visitor's dugout is being worked on. The park rental house has been leveled and removed. A large white oak tree in the City Park has been removed west of the large shelter.
  - B. Jim asked for mower trade-in quotes from three Scag dealers to replace a 2003 Scag mower with 2000 hours of usage. Two quotes were received. Scotty's Lawn & Garden quoted a price of \$8,400 and All Seasons quoted a price of \$7,205. Mike made a motion to purchase the mower from All Seasons. Joyce seconded. Board approved 4-0.
  - C. Jim asked for three quotes to replace a homemade backstop on the practice field at Southside Park. Tri-State Fence quoted a price of \$5,358 and Dan's Fence quoted a price of \$5,336.61

and Mr. Fence quoted a price of \$4,632. Joyce made the motion to accept the quote of Mr. Fence, as long as the infield was skinned off to make the field more usable. Mike seconded. Board approved 4-0.

- D. At Jim's suggestion, Mike made the motion to open both restrooms in the Main City Park (playground area behind League Stadium and near the Girls' Softball Field) on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Marlene seconded. Board approved 4-0.
  - E. Lease for Southridge use of Tom Payne Field. Since the new field at Southridge is not completed, the School Corporation has asked to use our field at the park for another year. Since our 3 year lease expired at the end of last year, a new lease was drawn up with the same terms as in the past with the exception of moving the starting date to March 5<sup>th</sup> from the previous date of March 15<sup>th</sup>. In the past the park has tried to have restrooms open by late march for their season. Discussion was held on adding electric heaters during the early part of the season to keep the water pipes from freezing in the restrooms. Jim mentioned that water lines have in the past frozen and caused damage and wondered who would pay for the repair if the does occur by opening the restroom earlier. Joyce made a motion to approve the softball lease with us having the restroom open on March 5<sup>th</sup>, their first day of practice. Mike seconded. Board approved 4-0.
  - F. Youth Softball Lease. Joyce made a motion to approve the Huntingburg Girls Softball lease for the summer. Jason seconded. Board approved 4-0.
  - G. Little League Lease. Marlene made a motion to approve the field usage agreement with the Little League for the summer. Jason seconded. Board approved 4-0.
  - H. Jim mentioned that the Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade softball and baseball teams are not covered under our contracts with the School Corporation. Leases will need to be drawn up concerning their requirements and usage for the Girls Softball field at the park. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade baseball team will be playing games at Southside Park and League Stadium. A contract concerning usage, costs, etc. will be worked on.
  - I. Jim informed the Board that seasonal employee Hub Mundy recently had open-heart surgery. His brother, Jim, another seasonal employee, passed away a couple of days after our last meeting.
- V. Bombers Baseball – General Manager Gary Freymiller updated the Board on improvements and ideas to help market the Stadium as well as the team. The Bombers, along with the Dubois County Tourism and support from other stakeholders, would like to brand League Stadium for marketing purposes. This would include updates to the logo, ticket

booth remodeling, incorporating old time uniforms and general promoting of the Stadium and Bombers. The Board agreed with the branding as a way to boost attendance at Bombers games and also increase awareness of the Stadium for other events. Discussion was held on changing the user fee at the Stadium during Bombers games. We presently receive \$.50 on each ticket that goes through the gate. The Bombers proposed \$.25 for the first 5,000 tickets, \$.50 from 5,001 to 10,000 and \$.75 for 10,001 to 15,000. To keep pace with our current \$.50, the Bombers would need to increase attendance to 15,000 per season. The Board decided to keep our lease at the \$.50 per ticket as it is now and will review after this season.

- VI. Jeff Bounds asked about how to go about receiving the funds that the Board budgeted for the Teen Outback 12 months ago. Jim asked Jeff to give him an invoice and we will forward it to the Clerk's office for Board approval. The amount is \$10,000.
- VII. Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM. Marlene seconded. Board approved 4-0.

  
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