

Huntingburg Park Board

October 15, 2012

Board Members Present: Mande Keusch, Joyce Fleck, and Jason Lange

Board Members Absent: Mike Fulkerson

City Employees Present: Jim Rueger

- I. Joyce made a motion to approve the claims. Mande seconded. Board approved 3-0.
- II. Mande made a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes from September 26th. Joyce seconded. Board approved 3-0.
- III. Jason made the motion to approve the September 26th regular meeting minutes. Mande seconded. Board approved 3-0.
- IV. Mayor Spinner and Councilman Alex Blackgrove gave an update about a possible opportunity to have an archery range in Huntingburg. Alex explained that a couple of residents approached him and it was brought up at a council meeting. They have been checking with the Jasper City ordinance that allows bow shooting within the City limits. The Mayor mentioned that one of the council members asked about a possible area in one of our parks. The range would be limited to 50 yards and everyone agreed that safety is the number one concern for the City. One location under consideration is an area at Niehaus Park. Other possible locations included Southside Park and City owned property on north Chestnut Street. DNR also has grants available for possible land purchases where a range could be located. The Dubois County Sportsmen Club has looked at Niehaus Park and could be willing to help with the costs. An estimate on the range only could be \$6,500. While the Board had questions on the how a range would be monitored for safety, the Mayor stated that the range was in the discussion phase and to keep an open mind on a location.
- V. Director's report:
 - A. The recent Herbstfest from all accounts was very successful. With four inches of rain prior to the fest, there was minor damage to the grounds and they have been repaired.
 - B. Colors have been chosen and an order has been placed for the features on the Splash Park. Construction will begin as soon as the features arrive, which should be six weeks.
 - C. The Haunted Trail sponsored by the Methodist Church will be held on Wednesday October 31st. With an overflow crowd last year we are looking at shuttling people from Memorial Gym back and forth to alleviate the traffic off of the highway.
 - D. Projects: The past several weeks areas in the City Park damaged after the Herbstfest have been aerated, fertilized and reseeded. League Stadium has been aerated and reseeded with rye grass. Drainage, washout repairs, and landscaping has been completed at Niehaus Park. We are presently prepping Hoffman Field at Southside Park for the infield sod which will arrive this Wednesday. A large Cherry tree has been removed at the walking trail at Niehaus Park.

E. Part-time Employees: Dan Merkel worked until August 24th and Bob Souders worked extra hours to help us when Dan was no longer able to work part-time due to health reasons. Bob Souders is limited to how much he can earn and he will be finished working for the year this upcoming Friday.

VI. Comments:

Board member Mande Keusch mentioned the idea for the Park Department to offer some type of "Healthy Holiday" program that users would be exercising and working on a healthy lifestyle. An incentive could be offered where participants could be eligible for prizes. A location for having a program of the type will a regular weekly schedule for the program is the key to making this work.

VII. The next meeting is November 19th. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.


President


Secretary


Member


Member