

Huntingburg Park Board

Monday, May 21, 2012

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

Park Board Members Absent: Joyce Fleck

City Employees Present: Jim Rueger

- I. Mande made the motion to approve the claims. Jason seconded. Approve 3-0.
- II. Mike made the motion to approve the April 16th minutes. Jason seconded. Approved 3-0.
- III. Movie Request: Kim Kendall was present to ask permission to use the Stadium for a movie showing and a tribute to honor Fathers on the date of Saturday, June 16th. The movie that would be shown is Courageous. She already has the support of 12 Churches in Dubois and Spencer Counties. She is responsible for getting the funding, licensing, the video & sound system, and supplying a certificate of insurance for the event. She has concessions arranged with Bob Ahlmeier. She will make a donation to the Parks Department to cover our personnel costs with the production. Clean-up will be handled by her contributing organizations. To date she has secured most of the funding and any extra profit will be invested with the Dubois County Foundation for future projects such as this. Mike made a motion to allow the showing of the movie on this date. Mande seconded. Approved 3-0.
- IV. Director's Report:
Projects
 - A. The restroom at Niehaus Park needs the electrical hooked up along with a tie in to the sewer system. Brett will have the concrete flooring completed this week and the sewer and electric is scheduled for next week.
 - B. The swimming pool opens this Saturday on May 26th. The pool was filled on Monday and some chemicals are being fed into the system. The handicapped chair lift is not installed but Jay-Kem has been contacted.
 - C. The old Stadium scoreboard has been completely repainted. Styline Sign Shop is making new numbers to hang on the board.
 - D. The 2-A baseball sectional began this Wednesday and continues on Thursday and concludes with three games on Memorial Day.
 - E. Bermuda grass seed has been sown on the golf driving range at Niehaus Park. Sprinklers are set up to irrigate the new seed.

Splash Park – We have received three proposals for splash parks based on the criteria list which was forwarded to the companies. Ken Godeke representing Serendipity, proposed a spray park with 15 spray features at a cost of \$55,500. This price is for the spray features only and does not include any construction costs. Sam Blake representing Spear Corporation, proposed a 15 unit spray park, construction, concrete, chain link fence, and sidewalk for \$177,821. Sean Barrett representing Rain Drop, proposed a baseball theme spray park with 12 features at a cost of \$56,860.14. This price is for the spray features only and does not include any construction costs.

It was decided to take the three proposals to Ralph Wallem at Benchmark Services and have him evaluate costs associated with each on a north location and a south location to be able to get the most for the funds available for the project.

Summer Employees – All summer seasonal employees have been hired for the summer. Some of the life guards need recertification and our former instructors are no longer doing this. Some of the other employees will need recertification on first aid and CPR.

Foundation Check – A check was received from the Huntingburg Foundation for the League Stadium Endowment Fund in the amount of \$2,348. This money was used to replace brick dust for the warning track in League Stadium.

NRPA Conference – Jim asked permission to attend the National Recreation & Park Associations Conference in Anaheim, CA on October 16th to 19th. For a member, the conference registration is \$419 if paid by August 1st. Ken Buck from Jasper Parks is going and he was concerned about the availability of hotel rooms. The Board tabled the request until next meeting.

City Auction – The City wide auction of surplus material will be held on Saturday, June 23rd. The Park Board must give its okay to declare items surplus before the auction date. The Board tabled a decision until next meeting.

V. Comments

- A. Jeff Summers was present and commented that a vote was taken in November of 2011 to put the Splash Park north of the baby pool and he wanted to know why this was not being done. Jim explained that he did not feel that all costs associated with that site had been available when the previous vote had been taken. Mike mentioned that since tax payer money is being used for the project, we wanted the most product for our expenditures and we want to get all costs for the project before deciding on the best location. Benchmark Services will be able to make a comparison of the best site before we move forward.
- B. Mike passed around information on a disc golf idea that has been discussed in the past and that probably could be located on the South side of the City Park or possibly at Niehaus Park. This would be a budget item for 2013. The targets can be purchased for around \$400 each.
- C. Mande mentioned the need for playground equipment and surfaces for handicapped persons and people with autism. She had information on equipment and would like to see us budget this for next year. Jim mentioned that while we have some equipment for handicapped individuals, it is not accessible due to surface issues with chips or lack of sidewalks. Some funds are budgeted for this year to soft-tile one playground.

VI. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.


President


Member


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