

**HUNTINGBURG PARK BOARD MEETING
OLD TOWN HALL
309 N. GEIGER STREET
MONDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2022 5:45pm**

Meeting Minutes

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Prayer

3. Roll Call:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Dustin Schmett, Park Board President	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Mike Fulkerson, Park Board Vice President	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Shannon Fuhs, Park Board Secretary-Treasurer	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Dale Payne, Park Board Superintendent	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Abby Fink, Park Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

Others in attendance: Sarah Flamion, Justin Reed, Jeff Bounds, Ally Bounds, Katie Bound, Aaron Altstadt

4. Minutes of the Tuesday, January 18, 2022 meeting. Mike motioned to approve as written. Abby seconded. 4-0 approval.

5. Claims this meeting - Dustin motioned to approve. Abby seconded. 4-0 approval

6. Park Board President's Report

A. Elect Officers - Mike motioned to approve officers to remain the same with Dustin, Pres; Mike VP; Shannon, Secretary. Dustin seconded. 4-0 approval of officers.

7. Park Board Secretary-Treasurer

A. nothing to report

8. Park Board Superintendent's Report

A. General

I. Special Event Request from Destination Huntingburg – **Sarah Flamion** to discuss approval for Daffodil Stroll Easter Egg Hunt April 2, 2022. Shannon motioned to approve. Abby seconded. 4-0 approval.

II. Special Event Request from Destination Huntingburg – **Sarah Flamion** to discuss approval for 4th Fridays in 2022: May 27, June 24, July 22 & August 26. Shannon motioned to approve. Abby seconded. 4-0 approval.

III. Special Event Request from Destination Huntingburg – **Sarah Flamion** to discuss approval for Huntingburg Farmers Market June 4 through October 1, 2022. Shannon motioned to approve. Abby seconded. 4-0 approval.

IV. Special Event Request from Destination Huntingburg – **Sarah Flamion** to discuss approval for Lunch on Market in 2022: June 10, July 8 & August 12. Shannon motioned to approve. Abby seconded. 4-0 approval.

- V. Special Event Request from Destination Huntingburg – **Sarah Flamion** to discuss approval for The Farmers Table September 10, 2022. Shannon motioned to approve. Abby seconded. 4-0 approval.
 - VI. Special Event Request from Destination Huntingburg – **Sarah Flamion** to discuss approval for Haunted Huntingburg October 8, 2022. Shannon motioned to approve. Abby seconded. 4-0 approval.
 - VII. Special Event Request from Destination Huntingburg – **Sarah Flamion** to discuss approval for The Ice Rink & Winter Market December 3, 2022. Shannon motioned to approve. Abby seconded. 4-0 approval.
 - VIII. Special Event Request from Fairhaven Education Initiative – **Catherine MacPhail** to discuss approval for The Rosenvolk German Medieval Festival October 14th thru 16th, 2022 (with set up starting on October 11th and clean-up is October 16th). Approval pending due to some questions about details of the event.
 - IX. Special Event Request from Dubois County Disc Golf Club – **Aaron Altstadt** to discuss approval for The Paddy Whack March 19, 2022. Dustin motioned to approve. Shannon seconded. 4-0 approval.
 - X. Special Event Request from Dubois County Disc Golf Club – **Aaron Altstadt** to discuss approval for The Niehaus Park Open May 14, 2022. Dustin motioned to approve. Shannon seconded. 4-0 approval.
 - XI. Special Event Request from Victory Assembly of God – **Joel Rivera** to discuss approval for The National Day of Prayer May 7, 2022. Mike motioned to approve. Dustin seconded. 4-0 approval.
 - XII. Explain to the Park Board what the City Attorney Phil Schneiders interpretation on how to move forward with choosing a playground for Northside Park
- B. Market Street Park
- I. Program and Events Report – Justin Reed.
 - II. Restrooms were vandalized.
- C. Old Town Hall
- I. New Pamphlet on Wedding and Event Venue – Justin Reed.
- D. Senior Citizens Center
- I. No New Items
- E. Swimming Pool / Splash Park
- I. Due to problem at Southridge High School, a new location is needed for lifeguard training.
- F. City Park
- I. Work is continuing on the new youth fields as weather allows.
 - II. Have dug and rocked pad for area to support Bomber's bus getting prepared for concrete.
- G. League Stadium
- I. Tore out old boards in the walkway and Monday, February 14 Seufert Construction started putting new boards in place.
 - II. Southridge High School can start practice on March 14 on the field.
- H. Northside Park
- I. We are working on choosing new playground equipment. We opened this for public discussion and Ally and Katie Bounds commented. We would like the centerpiece equipment to be a climbing apparatus that has lower level and upper level crawling areas for different age groups of kids. Ally also would like a wheelchair-accessible (merry go-round) piece also within the circle allocated. Katie three-bay set of swings is requested adjacent to the outside of the circled area. We would like age appropriate equipment for ages 3-5 as well as 5-12. We would also like a single slide and shaded areas. We need to stay within the budget of \$300,000. Dustin motioned to approve the description of preferences, Shannon seconded. 4-0 approval.

- I. Niehaus Park
- I. No new items.
- J. Southside Park
- I. No new items.
- K. Bark Park
- I. No new items.
- L. Monthly Report

9. Next Scheduled Meeting date: March meeting date: March 14 @ 5:45

10. Adjournment. Mike motioned to adjourn. Dustin seconded. 4-0 approval. Meeting ended at 7:28 pm.



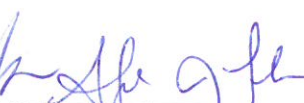
President



Vice President



Secretary



Member

Letter from Aaron Altstadt:

While at the Park Board meeting in November, Mike Fulkerson and the Mayor suggested the Dubois County Disc Golf Club pay to rent Niehaus Park for our future PDGA sanctioned tournaments. I was deeply offended by the suggestion. The Dubois County Disc Golf Club is the reason there is a Niehaus Park Disc Golf Course. Our club suggested to the Leadership Academy that a disc golf course at Niehaus Park would be an excellent project. We helped raise ten thousand dollars from numerous local businesses and pitched in ourselves financially to build the course. We volunteered our time to concrete and install the baskets, clear the fairways of the course, mulch the fairways, build the bridges, and other tasks during the installation of the course. We do the typical maintenance on the course including trimming trees, branch and limb removal, clearing sticker bushes, weed eating, and many other tasks to prepare the course and make our tournaments PDGA legal. The only task we don't do is mow the grass. We have donated the arrows in the baskets showing where the next tee pad is. We have donated the whiskers showing Circle 1 or the putting circle. Whiskers are resistant to mower blades and are a great addition to local courses for players during tournaments or otherwise. We donated the mandatory signs to keep walkers safe from errant throws. We donated the solar lights on the baskets so visitors can play glow rounds in the dark. We also repaint the lines of the tee pads that wear out on the walking paths. For the Mayor and Mike Fulkerson to suggest imposing a fee to rent the course is not only asinine, it's a slap in the face to every member of the Dubois County Disc Golf Club. Our club has spent countless hours on the course and is constantly coming up with ideas for improvements to bring more people to our beloved Niehaus Park. We have brought over 500 people playing over 5000 rounds to our course since it's creation in 2018 that wouldn't have otherwise visited Huntingburg. They've visited Huntingburg restaurants and other Huntingburg businesses, spending their hardearned money locally. These numbers do not consider the 5 PDGA sanctioned tournaments that brought 339 players into Huntingburg. The members of the DCDGC have worked hard and donated their hard-earned money to build and maintain the Niehaus Park Disc Golf Course. People paying to rent shelter houses, use the driving range, etc. don't maintain those properties yearround. They don't spend hours weed eating the park. The majority of those people don't donate to improve what they use. Some don't even clean up their space afterwards. If the City of Huntingburg decides to impose a fee to use Niehaus Park, we will also terminate our side of the verbal contract we had with the City of Huntingburg. The Dubois County Disc Golf Club will no longer be maintaining the course throughout the year. We will also be taking PDGA sanctioned tournaments elsewhere.