

Huntingburg Park Board

Monday, July 20, 2015

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

City Employees Present: Jim Rueger

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

II. Approval of Minutes: Mande made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2015 meeting. Mike seconded. Board approved 4-0.

III. Director's Report:

A. Golf Driving Range: The range has currently brought in \$5,574 which is about \$500 behind last year. Last year at this time it had brought in \$6174.00.

B. Swimming Pool: The pool has brought in \$23, 801 at this point which is about \$1, 500 behind last year. The pool will stay open a little longer this year to help recoup some of the loss. It will close on August 9th.

C. Work Projects:

1. 200 feet of sidewalk was added by the preschool playground to widen it so equipment can pass through without making ruts in the grass.

2. Two sponsor signs were attached to the League Scoreboard.

3. One awning has been put up at the girls' softball field by the 3rd base side. Mike and Mande told Jim that there is a small tear already in it. Jim will look into it.

4. A drainage tile was repaired at the City Park where a pumper truck ran over it and it was smashed.

5. A tree that was damaged in a storm was removed at the City Park.

6. Grass was sewn at the City Park by the new stadium wall.

7. Jim received a quote from Hunter Paving of \$14,200 to repair portions of the south parking lot at the City Park. The repairs may need to wait until the next budget year. Mike asked if the Street Department could use their asphalt machine to repair the major pot holes until the paving can be completed.

8. Jim discussed how we are now down to only 2 bikes due to damage to the other bikes. Some bikes had been taken out and abandoned and had to be picked up by the police department and brought back. Others have had flat tires or other damage due to misuse. The company has been contacted and they want to contract with a local company to fix them. Jim contacted REM but they do not want to do it due to there being a third party involved. Tom Dippel told Jim that the City will not pay Zagster for the bikes that have not been able to be used. The contract with Zagster will be up in April. Jim does not recommend renewing it.

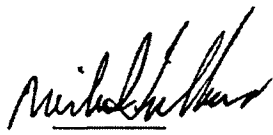
9. Jim updated the Board on vandalism that occurred over the weekend. Someone took bolt cutters and cut the chain at the stadium but nothing was stolen. Light sensors in the main bathroom were also damaged. Jim stated that there seems to be more vandalism this year. Mande suggested adding security cameras. Jim states that with some cameras it is hard to make out who the person is. He may look into adding some by the basketball courts where there is often a lot of trash left. There is currently a camera in the main shelter house.

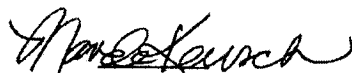
D. 2016 Budget: Jim reviewed the requests he will make to the City Council for the 2016 Budget. He does not expect them to approve all requests. The budget is due July 27th and he will meet with the City Council on August 4th. Jim asked if there were additional items the Board would like to add to the budget. Mande asked if a cement wall could be added somewhere so people could play various games such as tennis, racquetball, handball, etc. She also requested that the tennis court nets be put at regulation height and a center strap added. She commented how the tennis courts are very chipped

already, especially on the lines. Mike would like to see the main shelter house enclosed. Mike asked if the benches for the Gazebo have been ordered. Jim stated that they were ordered but are not in yet. Jim stated that some groups have already used the gazebo for various events. He would like to get various bands to come play there in the future. Music in the Park did not take place this summer. Jim explained that the amount in the stadium account will go up at the end of the Bomber's season once the park gets paid by the Bombers. The Bombers contract is up this year. Jim wants to clarify things with them on when it is appropriate to play on the field during wet conditions.

IV. Questions: Jason asked if Jim had heard from the fire marshall about adding enclosed sky boxes at the stadium. Jim stated that the fire marshall has not been in town, but he put in a request that he comes to see him when he is in town.

VII. Adjournment: Jason made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jose seconded. Board approved 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.


President


Secretary


Member


Member