

**Huntingburg Park Board**

**Monday, August 24, 2015**

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

**City Employees Present: Jim Rueger**

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

II. Approval of Minutes: Jason made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2015 meeting. Jose seconded. Board approved 4-0.

III. Mistletoe 5 K Walk for K-9 Request: Elizabeth Wertman came to the meeting to discuss and request permission to hold a 5K walk at Niehaus Park on November 11<sup>th</sup> during the week of the Christmas Stroll. The proceeds will go to the K-9 fund for the police department. They will have transportation from Memorial Gym parking lot to Niehaus Park. Mande made a motion to approve the request. Jason seconded. Board approved 4-0.

IV. Director's Report:

A. Golf Driving Range: The range has currently brought in \$7,000 which is about \$850 behind last year. Jim commented that with the nice weather lately the usage has been picking up.

B. Swimming Pool: The pool was closed August 9<sup>th</sup>. The pool brought in \$31,869 which is about \$1,084 behind last year. The attendance was better but the daycare bought ticket books this year so they paid less.

C. Zagster Bike Contract: Jim stated that the Zagster Bike Company has extended the contract until May since that was when we started using the bikes. Originally the contract would have been up in September since that was when the original one was signed. Jim reported that in the last two weeks the bike usage has gone up. There is currently one bike being stored in the shed at the park because its lock will not work correctly. Jim suggests looking into moving the bikes to a more secure location if we decide to continue with the contract in May.

D. Bombers Baseball: Jim discussed the season report from Mike Uebelhor. The attendance was better than last year but they decided not to charge for 6 and under this year which brought profits down slightly. They are also unable to do corporate nights for playoff games. Jim anticipated Paducah joining the league next year and Princeton will likely have a team the following year.

E. 2016 Budget: Jim met with the City Council on August 4<sup>th</sup> to present the budget. The budget was reduced by \$74,000. The budget for 2016 will be an estimated \$850,954. The trail paving at Niehaus was reduced by \$25,000. The finishing of the outfield wall at League Stadium was cut by \$20,000 but Edit funds and the Bombers payment will help make up the difference. The \$10,000 consulting fee for when Jim retires was eliminated and the enclosing of the main shelter house was removed. Salary for another full-time park employee was added. Other cuts may still be made depending on available tax money.

F. Projects:

1. The second shade system has been put up at the softball field. The company sent a patch kit to repair the small hole in the one shade. The shades are being stored for the winter.
2. The gazebo benches have come in and have been put in the gazebo.
3. The center straps have been put on the nets at the tennis courts.
4. Some Persimmon trees have been removed by the Tot playground.
5. The black top has been patched by Cherry Street entrance until major repairs can be done.

V. Leases:

A. Hispanic Cultural Festival: The Hispanic Festival has been moved to the North side of the park, where Herbstfest activities take place. It originally was going to be on the South side but not enough electricity was available in that location. Jim reported that some of the shelterhouses have already been rented for the weekend. They will likely be blocked off from some of the parking areas due to the festival. He will contact the renters and let them know where they can park. Mande made a motion to approve the Hispanic Festival lease. Mike seconded. Board approved 4-0.

B. Herbstfest Lease: Jim reported that there have been no changes to the Herbstfest Lease since last year. Jim stated that the Heritage Committee requested that the Park Board purchases the Buntings for the Festival. The Park Board do not agree with purchasing the Buntings. Mande made a motion to approve the Herbstfest Lease. Mike seconded. Board approved 4-0.

VI. Adjournment: Jason made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mande seconded. Board approved 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m..



President



Secretary



Member



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