

Huntingburg Park Board

Tuesday, February 16, 2016

Park Board Members Present: Mike Fulkerson, Mande Keusch, Mark Peters, Jose Gil City Employee

Present: Larry Altstadt

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

II. Approval of Minutes: Mande made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 19, 2016 meeting. Mike seconded. Board approved 4-0.

III. Election of Officers for 2016: The Board voted to retain Mike as President and Mande as secretary. The Board chose not to have a Vice-President.

IV. League Stadium Scoreboard: Mike Uebelhor presented the cost of the additional scoreboard sign he would like to add above the current scoreboard at League Stadium. The estimate of \$15,224 is more than anticipated due to needing to pour a new concrete base to support 1 Beams. The current beams are bent and twisted so they would not support the additional sign. He stated that the Bombers would pay for the total cost upfront if the Board would be willing to deduct the cost of the scoreboard at the end of the season from the amount the Bombers reimburse the Park for use of the stadium. Mike stated that the Park may also need to deduct the rest of the sign cost from the Bombers lease for the second year as well due to the cost being over and above what the Bombers usually pay the Park each year. The Board opposed the Park paying for the total cost of the sign 4-0. The Board is not against paying for some of the sign cost if additional funding sources are found.

V. Director's Report:

A. Senior Citizen's Cruise-May 14-21. A separate fund has been set up so that the trip funds do not have to filter through the Parks Department account. There are 37 people going on the Alaskan Cruise.

B. City Park:

i. Shelter houses: Larry discussed people/groups needing to pay to reserve the shelter houses. If they choose not to then they risk it not being available that day because it is on a first come first served basis. Mike requested that Larry emphasizes to people who rent the main shelter house that parking is not allowed in the grass. The Board discussed putting up signs on the sides of the driveway area to show it is a no parking zone.

ii. Trees: Two of the 8 marked trees were cut down by the electric company. They will take the rest down when the weather is right and as they get a chance. Trees were also trimmed above eye level.

C. Work Projects: concrete floor is being put in storage building at League Stadium. This came out of the city fund.

D. Niehaus Park trees: the electric company will look at the trees that need to come down to see if they can do them but right now it is too wet/soft.

E. Southside Park:

i. Cooper Rail put in the 16' culvert with riprap that goes to the dog park.

ii. Larry stated that the animal shelter approached him about them being able to use the dog park for their dogs. Larry asked the Board what the fee should be for this group. Mark suggested that they pay the set amount as for any other dogs. Mande stated that there should be a cap of around \$100 since it is a non-profit. Larry will try and find out how many dogs they currently have to see what the cost would be for all the dogs.

F. Mowers: Larry presented the 3 bids he received for a diesel mower with a 72" deck. Joe from All Seasons and Jared from Hopf Outdoor were in attendance to answer any questions about the mowers they bid. Larry suggests a diesel mower because of their higher trade in value, better torque and engine and fuel economy. Larry stated that he took the park employees to see the mowers and they prefer the

SCAG. Mike made a motion to approve the purchase of the SCAG. Mande seconded. Board approved the bid from All Seasons for \$10,547 (\$2,650 trade in value) 4-0.

G. Baseball/Softball Contracts: Larry presented the contracts for all baseball and softball leases. No changes have been made. Mark made a motion to approve the contracts. Mande seconded. Board approved 4-0.

VI. Questions/Comments:

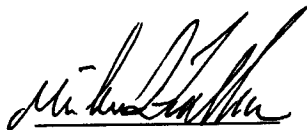
A. Mark discussed opportunities he is aware of to bring teams to League Stadium in the fall when the field is not being used. This could bring increased revenue to the Park as well as the city.

B. Mande discussed her concerns with the older metal playground on the Southside of the city park. The bridge has no railing, the steps are steep and there are metal bars across the slide overhang.

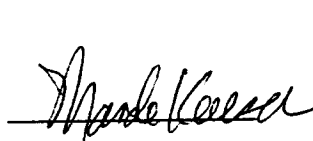
C. Mike discussed the Zagster contract and how there is additional funding such as sponsorships and advertising being sought to help fund the contract for another year.

D. Larry discussed looking for a wood plank looking concrete mold for the outfield fence instead of continuing the brick. He would like it to be green but the cost of adding the green dye is much more costly than the red color.

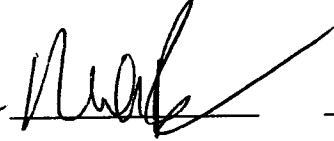
VII. Adjournment: Mande made a motion to adjourn. <sup>MIKE</sup>~~Mande~~ seconded. Board approved 4-0. Meeting ended at 6:25.



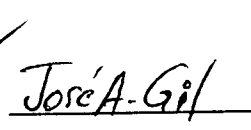
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