

Huntingburg Park Board

Monday, October 19, 2015

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

Board Member absent: Jason Lange

City Employee Present: Jim Rueger

I. Approval of Claims: Mande made a motion to approve all claims. Mike seconded. Board approved 3-0.

II. Approval of Minutes: Jose made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 22, 2015 meeting. Mande seconded. Board approved 3-0.

III. Director's Report:

A. Golf Driving Range: Total funds brought in to this point is \$8,900 which is \$450 behind last year. Jim reports that it has been slow lately.

B. Review Shelter Rental Policy: Jim suggests that the Park goes back to requesting a refundable deposit for people wanting to rent the shelterhouse and gazebo. Jim suggests a \$75 deposit with a \$25 refund for the gazebo. Mike states that he would like for people who rent the shelterhouse to be reminded not to park in the grass. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

C. Bombers Baseball Lease: Jim presented the Bombers lease to the Board so they can review it before the next meeting. The lease is up this year. Jim suggests increasing the amount the park receives per ticket. It is currently at \$.50 per ticket. Jim would like for it to be increased each year for the next three years to reach \$1.00.

Jim will meet with Mike Uebelhor this week to see what the Bombers are willing to do. Mike has also mentioned to Jim that they are considering starting a maintenance fund to help pay for repairs needed in the future. This will be taken into consideration when deciding on funds from tickets.

D. Personnel: As of 3:00 today there have been 22 applicants for the Park Director position. The mayor would like for Mike to sit down with him to go through the applications and determine which ones will be interviewed. Some of the applicants are from Huntingburg and some from out of town. Jim feels there are some good candidates.

E. Projects:

1. Walking trail-There have been three concrete pours at Niehaus walking trail to extend the trail. This will be all that can be done until the spring. The electric company will start with wiring for the walking trail addition. They will order 15 lights and bill us for them.

2. Swimming pool-the swimming pool has been winterized.

3. Driving range-the driving range has been aerated and seeded.

4. Baseball Stadium-the stadium has been seeded

5. Senior Center-Jim and Rita met with Hafer & Associates to let them know what they wanted to see in the new senior center. The building behind the hospital is where it might be located. It is around 4,000 square feet. It is currently a shell of a building. It was not finished. There is a basement. The building only has electrical at this point. The basement is not handicapped accessible so an elevator will need to be put in. They could not go in the building at the last meeting because the realtor had the key. They will take a tour of the building tomorrow at 3:30. Some of the things the group would like to have at the center include a fitness room and a kitchen along with plenty of parking.

6. Gazebo entertainment: Jim is trying to get the Trusty boys to do a Jam session at the gazebo one night. If they are not able to he will try some other bands.

IV. Adjournment: Mande made a motion to adjourn. Jose seconded. Board approved 3-0. Meeting ended at 6:06.

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President

*Mande Keusch*  
Secretary

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Member

*Jose A. Gil*  
Member