

Huntingburg Park Board

Monday, December 21, 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. Jose seconded. Board approved 4-0.

II. Approval of Minutes: Mike made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2015 meeting. Jason seconded. Board approved 4-0.

III. Director's Report:

A. Park Director Recommendation: Jim and Mayor Spinner introduced Lawrence "Larry" Altstadt as the nomination for the Park Director's position. Larry was one of 23 applicants and one of three who made the final interviews in which Mike Fulkerson, Jeff Bounds and Mayor Spinner were the interviewers. Mayor spoke on Larry's qualities and experiences that make him a good candidate for the position. Mike made a motion to approve Larry as the new Park Director. Jason seconded. Board approved 4-0.

B. Senior Citizens: Jim and Mayor Spinner met with Hafer and Associates a few weeks ago to look at the two potential sites of the new senior center. Plans for the two sites were presented. One of the sites will go up for sale and a decision on the site will be made next year. The seniors will be going on a cruise to Alaska in May. There are 33 people signed up at this point.

C. Work Projects:

1. Trees and brush has been removed from the new walking trail addition at Niehaus Park.
2. The electric company will go in and put in the electrical underground at Niehaus Park to prepare for the lights that will be added on the new walking trail addition.
3. The gas tank storage at City Park has been cleaned up and a fence has been added around the tanks.
4. The equipment has been winterized including oil changes.

D. 2016 Budget: Jim presented the proposed budget which is around \$850,000. Changes can still be made. The budget will be finalized in February. Jim commented that when he first began the Director job he had a budget of around \$42,000 which also included his salary and one part-time employees salary.

E. 2016 Projects: Jim presented a list of capital items for 2016. Jim suggests the league stadium wall is finished after the Bombers season. There is just not enough time in the spring to get it done before their season begins because of the weather and the high school team using the stadium. There will also be more money available for the project after the Bombers pay their lease. The original contractor will have to bid again for the job. Jim commented that the mower will need to be replaced before the spring. Jim requested that the board approves the quote by GE Tree Service to remove some of the trees that are presenting a safety hazard due to their location by the walking trail. Jason stated that he feels the quote is high and he would like to take a look at the trees that need removing so he can determine what he feels is a reasonable estimate. Jim will meet Jason at the trail tomorrow to show him the trees. Jim commented that not all the trees have to come down right now but he suggests the ones that pose the biggest threat be taken down soon.

IV. Approval and Signing of Bomber's Lease: Jim stated that there will need to be an addendum to the lease because the 5% of the concession money that will go into a stadium fund for future repairs was not included. The lease will be for 2016, 2017, 2018. Mande made a motion to approve the lease. Mike seconded. Board approved 4-0.

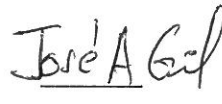
V. Questions/Comments: Jim and the Board recognized Jason Lange for his service on the Board. This meeting is Jason's last due to him moving out of city limits. Jason requested that the Board remembers his requests for concrete pads to be added to the stadium in place of the floor boards to decrease future maintenance costs. He suggests starting in the lower sections and doing it in phases. He would also like for the Board to continue to pursue adding suites at the stadium.

VI. Adjournment: Jose made a motion to adjourn. Jason seconded. Board approved 4-0. Meeting ended at 6:15.

President



Secretary



Member



Member