

HUNTINGBURG PARK BOARD

Monday, October 17, 2016

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

Park Board Members Absent: Mark Peters

City Employees Present: Larry Altstadt, Tyson Bredemeier

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

II. Approval of Minutes: Mike made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2016 Board meeting. Mande seconded. Board approved 3-0.

III. Director's Report:

A. Old Town Hall: Allison Menke and Erica came to the meeting as representatives of the Huntingburg Event Center. Erica is currently the Event Coordinator but will be leaving and a new coordinator has recently been hired. Allison explained how the Event Center was responsible for renting out Old Town Hall but it is no longer financially feasible to do this. They are requesting that the Park Board take over the renting of the facility. Erica shared her current bookings into 2017 with the Park Board. Erica and Allison discussed the current rental fees as well as their clean-up and set-up responsibilities. Larry discussed his concern with the wear and tear on the building and feels there needs to be some restrictions on the amount of people and the types of events that can be held there. Mande questioned how the Park Board became responsible for renting out the facility and how it relates to the Park Board's role. The Board expressed concerns over the additional financial constraints it would place on the Park as well as the additional duties it would require of the already stretched staff. The Park Board feels that there needs to be discussion with the Mayor on these concerns to see if there are other City entities that can assist the Park with this additional duty financially as well as with staff. Mande made a motion to approve the transfer of the Old Town Hall rental to the Parks Department come January 1st with the stipulation that Larry will work with the Mayor on trying to come up with additional funding and support. Mike seconded. Board approved 3-0. Allison will send letters to upcoming renters to let them know that they will now need to contact Larry for rental. The Board agreed to honor the current agreement between the Event Center and the renters.

B. Volleyball Contract: The contract between the Southwest Dubois School Corporation and the Parks Department for rental of Maple Park Gym for recreational volleyball league was reviewed. There are no changes from last year's contract. Mande made a motion to approve the lease. Mike seconded. Board approved 3-0.

C. Baseball fields: The fields have been aerated and seeded where needed. The diamond at Southside Park was finished today.

D. League Stadium:

1. Old wooden wall was removed from the outfield.

2. Concrete outfield wall Emblem: Form for the 36" "League Stadium" sign freight cost ended up being \$343 with that adjustment the invoice is \$1834.60.

3. Concrete wall color: Larry discussed the confusion between what he thought the Park Board wanted. He thought the Board wanted the entire back wall to be green in color. Larry states that he and the other park employees feel that the whole back wall should be green since it would be more neutral. Mike and Mande discussed how the agreement was to do just the Batter's Eye the green color. Mande stated that aesthetically it would look strange to go from the red brick on the side walls to a green back wall. Mande discussed her concerns about how the green is not dark enough and that she feels that painting the batter's eye would work better. That way the back of the wall would not be green in that section as well. She feels that this would look odd and out of place. If the dye is added in the concrete the back would also be green. With paint only the front would be a different color. Mike and Larry discussed their concerns with paint chipping and having additional maintenance. Mande discussed using a concrete paint and sealing the wall in that area after it is painted to increase longevity. Larry and Tyson discussed adding landscaping and trees in the back area where it is green to help camouflage that section and make it blend better. Mande requested that Larry speaks with someone at Evan's Masonry about what they think about painting the section as well as if they would be able to make it where only the front part of the wall would be green if using the dye. Mike made a motion to approve the batter's eye section being made green, not the entire back wall. Jose seconded. Board approved 3-0. Larry discussed how they have made brackets on the existing signs to place on the new back wall so they can be removed easily if needed.

4. Emerson Summit: The Summit, sponsored by Bill Westfall is a Law Enforcement Event, which took place on October 14th. The officers who came to the event were all students of Bill Westfall. Jaclyn Altstadt, a Rockford Peach, was at the event to welcome them to "League Stadium".

E. Niehaus Park:

1. Golf Range sales through October 16th are: \$8,469.
2. Zoysia sod has taken hold on the driving range Tee Box.

F. Southside Park:

1. Road: the road going to the park will need to be repaired in the future. Street Department looked at it and is going to get an estimate once they get bids completed. The road is the responsibility of the Park to repair.
2. Ditch: Larry is trying to determine what to do with the current ditch. They are considering taking off some of the slope and either adding Rip Wrap or adding sandstone on the banks.

G. Employees: The part-time employees are done for the winter. Larry plans to keep Kurt on the books in case he needs him for additional projects since Kurt is skilled in many areas.

H. Northside Park:

1. Pond has been constructed and starting to fill. Larry reported that the banks are very steep and he is not sure what to do with them at this time. People would not be able wade in the pond to fish with the banks the way they are currently. Larry is concerned because the ditch is as high as the overflow at this point so he is not sure how the fish will stay in the pond.

2. Playground: Larry is applying for a grant that would allow for the purchase of ADA approved equipment at half price. The current playground area is in a flood zone and the land will need to be raised. The drainage of the playground and the parking lot will need to be considered so that run-off will not go into the neighbor's yard. They will try to angle the parking lot toward the ditch and/or create a barrier between the playground and the yard.

I. Convention: Larry recently went to the NRPA convention in St Louis on the 7th and looked at Playground equipment, playground surfaces, and many other booths to get ideas for the park. He is looking into purchasing a concrete form so the Park can make their own benches. The form can make around 50-100 benches at about \$200 apiece.

J. Board Meeting Calendar for 2017: All meetings are scheduled to be held at 5:45 on the third Monday of the month. Except for the following Holidays February 20th which will move to Wednesday the 22nd.

IV. Questions/Comments:

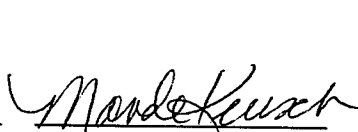
A. Mike asked if there is a program in place to rotate the equipment before there are too many hours on them and their trade-in-value is minimal. Larry commented that there are currently five pieces of equipment that needs to be replaced. Larry plans on rotating equipment every three years.

B. Mike discussed how he would like to have the chains put back on the drive to the shelter house because people are still parking in the grass. Larry discussed how the signs to stay off the grass have been put up. Mike feels the chain to the drive should be locked and when people rent the shelter house they would get the key. Mike also discussed how the shelter house lights are often left on at night. The committee discussed adding motion lights in the shelter house.

V. Adjournment: Mike made a motion to adjourn. Mande seconded. Board approved 3-0.



President



Secretary



Member



Member