

The **Parks and Recreation Board** met Monday, August 17, 2009, 4:30pm, at City Hall in the Lower Level Conference Room.

Present at said meeting were Garnet Peck, Mike Dana, Karen Springer, Mary Nauman, Richard Shockley and Attorney John Sorensen. Joe Payne, Pennie Ainsworth, Chris Foley, Lee Booth and Brenda Lorenz represented the department. Present from the City was council member Ann Hunt. Absent from the Department was Cheryl Kolb and Council members Gerald Thomas and Gerry Keen.

Garnet convened the Board at 4:30pm.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the July 20, 2009 meeting. Karen motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mike seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Superintendent – Joe reported on the following:

- Noted the Council Report was included in the mailing

Assistant Superintendent – Pennie reported on the following:

- Copies of the 2009 Final Pool Report were distributed. Pool attendance was down but revenue was up, in part to the fee increase and the purchase of season passes. More revenue was generated from the sale of passes than from single admissions. Weather-wise it was not a good summer for the pool.
- The Men's League final games will be tonight if the weather cooperates. Coed League will end Wednesday night.
- Global Fest is Saturday, September 5 from 10 am until 9 pm. The Naturalization Ceremony will be on Friday, September 4 at 4 pm. Mary Dennis, the Mayor's wife, will speak at the ceremony. Mary was naturalized at Global Fest in 2001.

Parks – Lee reported on the following:

- Playground and trail Inspections were presented.
- New sections of railings were installed in Happy Hollow Park.
- Barn roof was replaced this past month.
- Started preparing the pool for the new drain cover work that will begin next week.
- Keeping equipment running.

Recreation Report – Chris reported on the following:

- The Municipal pool closed yesterday, August 16. The warm weather in the last couple of weeks helped boost attendance.
- The staff has been busy planning fall programs. The brochure will go to the printer tomorrow and brochures should be mailed the following week. Mail-in registrations will begin immediately. Walk-in and phone-in registrations will begin Wednesday, September 9, after Global Fest.

Morton Center – Brenda reported on the following:

- She will be attending the Purdue Business Fair for Boiler Gold Rush participants on Tuesday, August 18, at the Purdue Armory, and the Purdue Graduate Fair Friday morning, August 21, at Stewart Center to promote Morton classes and the West Lafayette Parks and Recreation Department.

- On Saturday, September 12, from 1-3 pm, Morton will have another open house where a number of instructors will be giving free mini-lessons or demonstration of their classes.
- Area IV Council on Aging and Community Services will be hosting their 4th Annual Senior Art Contest at Morton Community Center. Senior artwork will be displayed in Room 106 from September 11 to October 8.

Old Business

Riverside Skating Center

Joe passed out a packet of information concerning a new IceMat System for the Rink. In the morning, Joe will be asking the Redevelopment Commission to spend up to \$100,000 to fix the rink. The Department has appropriations totaling about \$445,000 for Park Improvements through the Levee-Village TIF this year. \$100,000 of that is for the riverfront improvements and associated expenses with the Purdue boathouse. \$225,000 is our twenty percent match for the Wabash Heritage Trail extension project, which will not be bid this year due to the historic preservation review process.

Lee and Joe have worked with Frieje Corporation, CALMAC Manufacturing and Ice Rink Events. After meeting with the Ice Rink Events "main man", they have decided on the approach they want to take to fix the ice rink. Seven feet cooling mats will be rolled out on the concrete slab and will be hooked into our existing system using the Turbo Chiller, the main pipes and our sub-soil heating system that is all part of the original system. If the Commission approves the request, Joe will request quotes and have them opened at Board of Works, allowing us to approve the lowest responsible and responsive quote for the IceMat system to be professionally installed, set-up and running for the first season. This is the best system Joe and Lee can find, it will tie into our system with minimal changes, and comes with a three-year warranty. The manufacturer said it will hold ice at 70 degrees. Joe and Lee will talk to the people in Cincinnati and Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, that have the same system, to see how they like the system and if they have had any problems. The IceMat system has been around since the late 90's. The original total cost for Riverside Skating Center was close to 1.7 million dollars.

Mike moved that the Board endorse this proposal in this direction incumbent upon some positive testimonial from somebody else that has used this system. Richard seconded the motion and the motion passed.

New Business

New Hire

Joe requested that the Park Board approve the hiring of Dan Dunten to be our Regular Part-Time Stewardship Coordinator. He is replacing Brian Tunis. Mike motioned to approve the hiring for the Part-Time position. Richard seconded the motion and the motioned carried.

Transportation Enhancement Funds

Joe did an application for Transportation Enhancement Funds. We have received the award the last two years we have applied and several over the last fifteen years. It is for the trail segment that ties into the Yeager Road project and runs along Northwestern

between Lindberg and Neil Armstrong roads. The Yeager Road project also has an eight-foot spur that goes to Sagamore Parkway. Once the Yeager projects north of there, and north of Kalberer, are completed the Northwest Greenway Trail network would go along the west side of Yeager, make a connection with the piece of trail that ends at State Farm now, to 500 North. Joe said we are asking for the maximum allocation to our metropolitan planning organization of \$380,000. The Tech Highway Committee, which meets monthly, will be meeting this Wednesday, and they will make a vote recommendation to the administrative committee of area plan. The funds will be available in 2013.

Greater Lafayette Recreational Soccer Alliance

Joe received a request from GLRSA to allow them to put a drink machine (water & Gatorade) at the restroom building at the north end of Cumberland Park. It would take a little electrical work to have it hooked-up; he is concerned about approving the size and appearance of it. GLRSA is willing to handle all the rest, including the \$375 quote to add the conduit and outlet. After some discussion, the Board decided that the Department would install vending machines at Cumberland Park.

West Lafayette School Board – Karen reported the following:

- On Wednesday, August 5, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held at Cumberland School for completion of a new addition – 8,000 square feet – four new classrooms and a second computer lab.
- The School Board is very grateful to the community for donating \$200,000 to the West Lafayette Education Foundation's SOS Campaign. With that money plus Federal Stimulus money, we have been able to recall all the elementary teachers that received RIF notices.
- Work on a 5-year school corporation strategic plan began in June. Eight action teams are forming to address eight strategies. Any community member wishing to serve on an action team should contact Central Office.
- Today was the first day of school for West Lafayette. We look forward to a good year academically and challenging year financially.

Wabash River

Joe attended the last meeting. They discussed the master plan and reviewed River Fest and negotiations with the Corp of Engineers. Things are proceeding nicely. The big answers will come out of the cost benefit analysis of the reconnaissance study that the Corp has been authorized to do. That will determine what happens in the future with congressional participation. That will be known within the year.

Joe will be asking the Redevelopment Commission tomorrow to approve two proposals for design services, both with Stu Kline; one is to do the actual design of the second phase (at the bottom of Happy Hollow Park up to Rose and Kingston Streets) of the Wabash Heritage Trail that we received the Transportation Enhancement money for last year. Also, another trail extension, Tapawingo Park Improvements, this is for the piece of property between State Road 26 bridges and the railroad bridge and Tapawingo Drive

south to the southeast corner of Tapawingo Drive and State Street intersection. It is property that John Chen donated to the Park Foundation. Once designed we may start putting fill dirt in there, above the floodway section, this fall if we still have funds left in our

appropriations with Redevelopment Commission. The intent is to make that a nice, trailside park with a trail spur to the trail that runs under those two bridges, making that corner more attractive and a gateway as the proposed hotel goes up across the road.

There is a Call for Volunteers from Sarah Peel to do a Wabash Sampling. It will be on September 18. They are looking for volunteers to help sample 200 plus sites that drain into the Wabash River. No experience is needed.

Other

Mary requested that our agendas be more comprehensive and include more information so the Board members can read ahead and be more prepared. Joe mentioned that he tries to do that but things come up at the last minute. Mary said even e-mails the night before would work.

Riverside Skating Center Fees

Chris presented a proposal for an increase in the ice-skating rink fees. The fees have not increased in the seven years since the rink has been open. The proposed increase was \$1 for admission and skate sharpening, no increase in skate rental. Facility rental would increase by \$15, to \$185 per two-hour session. Mary requested that we could maybe start to accept debit cards at the Rink. Chris will check with the Clerk-Treasurer on accepting debit cards. Mike moved to approve the proposed rate increases. Karen seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Petty Cash & Change Fund

Pennie requested permission to establish a Cash/Change Fund of \$500 and a Petty Cash Fund for \$200 for Global Fest 2009. Both funds will be established from the Non Reverting Operating Fund and will revert back no later than November 30, 2009. Karen motioned to approve the funds. Mary seconded the motion and the motion carried.

School Corporation

Joe has had several meetings with attorneys and the School Board to discuss making the track at the high school a modern facility that is open and available to the public. The track would be a West Lafayette fitness trail that would be a reasonable quarter mile walk to Centennial Neighborhood Park and a mile to Morton and the Library. The track will be discussed in more detail at tomorrow's Redevelopment Commission meeting. It would be a three-way development – Parks & Recreation, Redevelopment Commission and the School Corporation. The football field would still be fenced.

Budget

Joe said the budget process is moving ahead. There will be no raises for city employees. Joe thanked Ann Hunt for her support of the Department.

Pay Claims

Mike motioned for claims to be paid. Mary seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Adjourn

Mary motioned to adjourn the meeting. Karen seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Presiding Officer

Secretary