

West Lafayette Parks & Recreation Department

Staff Management Report

Monday, September 19, 2016

1. Pennie Ainsworth, Assistant Superintendent's Report

- The Coed and Men's Softball Leagues are finished for the season. The Senior Softball group is still playing on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Senior softball is a drop-in activity, in which players can come and play at their leisure. The Senior Softball program participation has increased in the last several years.
- The Greater Lafayette Regional Soccer Alliance has donated \$450. The funds will be used to offset the cost of having the north restrooms at Cumberland Park cleaned on a weekly basis.
- The Department sponsored a Naturalization Ceremony at Burtsfield on Friday, September 16, prior to Global Fest. The ceremony is an official court procedure. The Purduettes provided music for the event. The Parks and Recreation staff handled the set-up and take down of chairs, tables and stage for the Naturalization ceremony. Our thanks to the West Lafayette Community School Corporation for their use of Burtsfield and their support for this event.
- The 21st Annual Global Fest had a new street fair look this year. The event was held on September 17 at the Morton Center and the West Lafayette Library. Global Fest was designed to celebrate our diverse cultures that make up West Lafayette. We appreciate the support for this event from our major sponsors - Vectren Foundation, Purdue Federal Credit Union and Wessler Engineering. Additional sponsors included American Water, Bowen Engineering Corporation, Butler, Fairman & Seufert, MBAH Insurance, Franciscan Alliance, O.W. Krohn & Associates, Wabash Landing and Ivy Tech Community College. Our department would not be able to provide this free family event without our many sponsors. Thanks to all our sponsors and participants for celebrating our community's diversity.

2. Chris Foley, Recreation Director's Report:

- Registrations are now being accepted for all fall classes.
- Brochures were mailed at the end of August. The staff worked with the Lafayette Post Office Bulk Mail to install a new label printing application for faster delivery. The change would allow the brochures to stay in state while being sorted. Unfortunately, this change did not speed up the process. It still took 7 days for the brochures to reach our customers.
- The Purdue Swim team has rented the Municipal Pool for their team practices due to their pool renovation process. Purdue is paying all expenses to keep the pool operational. We continue to monitor pool water quality and maintenance. Purdue plans to use the Municipal Pool through September.

3. Bess Witcosky, Morton Center Director:

- Family Fun Day was held on August 28 as a partnership event between Morton and West Lafayette Public Library. It was a great success with record breaking attendance of over 750 people! FFD goers were able to enjoy quality demonstrations and performances, get a free snack and book, and participate in several fun activities. They could also check out the WL Fire Truck, Police motorcycles, and cruiser.
- A Day in the Park with Morton at Prophetstown was held on Sept. 10 at Coneflower Shelter. Despite the rainy weather, the event counted 165 people attending and was well received. Quality art instruction, supplies and performances in both theatre and dance were provided through a grant by the Indiana Arts Commission.
- Art on the Wabash will be held in Tapawingo Park on Sun, Sept. 25 from 10am-4pm. The Morton Youth Actors will perform at 1pm, a series of short scenes based on Mo Willems stories about Elephant and Piggie.

4. Jon Munn, Parks Director Report:

- Met with Greg Terry Welding to discuss the final install of handrails on the Salisbury Street access to Happy Hollow Park.

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- Met with ColorTek contractor to discuss quote for painting the Riverside Ice Rink interior of building.
- Completed set-up and prep for the annual Park Board Picnic at Lilly Nature Center.
- Installed new water heater in the engineer's office at Morton Center.
- Replaced two grills at Happy Hollow Park shelters.
- Clean-up of large oak tree that fell due to storm damage.
- Clean-up of tree that fell from Happy Hollow Park and damaged the fence at the Indiana American Water plant on Happy Hollow Road.
- Picked up pool chemicals from Spear Corp. for extended pool rental by the Purdue swim team.
- Measured the Salisbury trail entrance to HHP for ADA signage with David Meihls.
- Installed new climbing net at Peck-Trackman Park.
- Installed concrete pad for granite bench at Cumberland Playground.
- Attended Parks Visioning meeting at Morton Center.
- Preparation for Global Fest.
- Trail maintenance to the footpath section of Salisbury street access to Happy Hollow Park
- Construct small boardwalk/bridge on trail at Happy Hollow Park Salisbury Street access
- Mow the property at 2917 Covington Street for NRT
- We have been working on grounds and riverbank clearing at Tapawingo Park in preparation for the upcoming Art on the Wabash
- **Copies of the monthly Trail and Playground inspections will be available for review at the Park Board meeting 9/19/2016**

5. Dan Dunten, Stewardship Director's Report

- **Purdue Freshman Boiler Bridge Bash** – Visited with approximately 500 students about the West Lafayette trails, parks and Celery Bog Nature Area.
- **Purdue Graduate Student Information Fair** – Shared information with hundreds of students regarding our department and what we have to offer the students.
- **WL Farmer's Market Information Tent** – Visited with attendees about our trails and parks. Also handed out the Fall Recreation Guide.
- **Observation Deck Dedication** – Coordinated the event that included Celery Bog Songs by Joe Peters, recognition of sponsors, short presentation by the Mayor, and the official ribbon cutting. Even though it was raining during the event, we put up tents and everything went well.



- **Purdue Student EPICS Project** – Continue to work with this program for the third year as they study and implement various erosion control practices on a slope in Happy Hollow Park.
- **General Parks & Recreation Talks** – When groups have meetings in the Lilly Nature Center, they routinely ask me to give a brief talk on the facilities and the department. I enjoy sharing information and providing some education to the visitors.

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6. Janet Fawley, Park Superintendent's Report:

- Presented 2017 budget requests for Parks & Rec, CCD, EDIT, & RDC
- Recruited Sue Lasater to become president of the WL Parks & Recreation Foundation.
- Attended Northern District Meeting on 8/17 in Lake County.
- Mt w/ David Meihls re signage for Happy Hollow Ravine Footpath.
- Mt w/ Community Foundation re grants & other Fundraising ideas for the Parks Foundation
- Mtg was held for Kingston Drive Trail, that I participated in.
- Zagster Celebration was held at Tapawingo, in front of Skating Rink.
- Dedication for the Celery bog Overlook was held.
- Attended open houses for Business System Solutions, and Leadership Lafayette.
- Participated in the Indiana Bike & Walk Summit in Indianapolis.
- Parks Foundation meeting was held. Officers are as follows: President, Sue Lasater, Vice President, Dan Franzmeir, Secretary, Sarah Hubbard, and Treasurer, Andy Waters.
- Held Master Plan Visioning session w/ consultants from Browning Day Mullins Dierdorf.
- Held Happy Hollow Ravine Footpath Ribbon Cutting.
- Participated in WREC meeting; Participated in Council meeting;
- Participated in Mayor's staff meeting & biweekly Parks Staff meeting.
- Met w/ John Willis of MBAH Insurance re claims from Worker's Comp, and General liability – ZERO claims!
- Global Fest on Saturday, September 17!