

The **Parks and Recreation Board** met Monday, July 16, 2007 at 4:30pm in the Board of Works room at City Hall.

Present at said meeting were Leon Trachtman, Mike Dane, Paula Woods, Karen Springer and Attorney John Sorensen. Joe Payne, Pennie Ainsworth, Chris Foley, Brenda Lorenz, Lee Booth and Cheryl Kolb represented the department. Council members Ann Hunt and Gil Satterly were also present. Absent was Park Board member Garnet Peck and Council member Gerry Keen.

Leon convened the Board at 4:33pm.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the June 18, 2007 meeting. Paula noted an error with Leon convening the meeting, due to his absence from the June Park Board meeting. Error noted and corrected. Mike motioned to approve the minutes as presented and corrected. Karen seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Superintendent – Joe reported on the following:

- Noted the Council Report was included in the mailing.
- We had a nice dedication of Lincoln Park, noting the picture hanging in the Board of Works room representing the dedication.
- Thanked the Park Board Picnic sponsors. See list below.

Thank You, Lunch Sponsors

- Bennett's Greenhouse**
- Butler, Fairman and Seufert, Inc.**
- C & S Engineering**
- Cyr Plumbing & Heating**
- DeHaai Industrial Sales**
- T. J. Gall & Assoc., Inc.**
- Greeley & Hansen**
- HE-BFS, LLC**
- Indiana-American Water**
- Indiana Recreation Equip. & Design, Inc.**
- H. Stewart Kline & Assoc., Inc.**
- Lester Recreation Designs**
- Mid-States General & Mechanical Corp.**
- Milestone Contractors L.P.**
- Mulhaupt's Inc.**
- Schneider Corporation**
- Wahl Architecture PC**

Assistant Superintendent – Pennie reported on the following:

- The Men's softball tournament will begin next week. The Coed league is still in regular play.
- The pool is doing well this season. We received some nice coverage last Friday from the Journal & Courier. We did have to close one day to a "no water pressure" situation.
- The Lincoln Park dedication was very nice. We passed out bubbles, which we added a saying about the benefits of Parks & Recreation.

Parks –Lee reported on the following:

- Inspections noted.
- Installed a triosk in Celery Bog Nature Area by Lilly Nature Center.
- Prepared Lincoln Park for the dedication.
- Helped with Riverfest setup.
- Cleaned out our section of barn for the fire station.
- Watering.

Recreation – Chris reported on the following:

- The annual Kiddie Carnival was held Monday, July 9 at Cumberland School gym and was very well attended.
 - Summer programs are winding down.
- Football camp began today with 26 children enrolled. Marshall Overley, the West Lafayette High School Varsity coach, is leading the camp.
- We are in the last week of the Playground programs.
- We have had a great swim season so far. The lessons are going well with most classes filled to capacity. A reminder, the pool will be open through Sunday, August 12.

Morton Center – Brenda reported on the following:

- The leaking expansion tank has been removed from Morton's basement. The new expansion tank has been ordered, and is ready for installation once it arrives.
- We are anxiously awaiting the end of construction in the area. Our customers, who park in our parking lot, exiting onto Columbia Street, often have limited to no access to the north or the south.
- Several of Morton's instructors were highlighted in the last Gallery Walk. Two of Morton's pottery instructors, along with some of Morton's students, had a show of their pottery called "Party of Nine" at the Tippecanoe Arts Federation. Alicia Garletts has her work exhibited at the Renaissance Academy and was featured on the front page of TGIF.

Joe added that Columbia Street would have one lane closed on Tuesday, July 17 and completely closed on Wednesday, July 18

Old Business

Joe noted there are ongoing projects at the barn and with Nighthawk Trail. We are working on a potential addition of a trail spur at the request of the Friendship House.

The trail spur will help tie Phase II of the Friendship House into the trail, rather than having people walk across the parking lot and grass to gain access to the trail.

New Business

Purdue Student Radio

Nick Carson of Purdue Student Radio presented a request for his organization to host a show at Morton, 9/21/07, that will highlight local and regional bands, for all ages. The request to sell merchandise, such as t-shirts and cd's, is to help offset the costs, particularly for out-of-town bands that look to make their revenue through the sale of merchandise. The group would also like to sell refreshments, pizza and soft drinks, in conjunction with their sponsor, Hot Box. This too will help defray the costs of this type of event. There was board discussion pertaining to the selling of food and drink, primarily with the potential problems that could occur with the condition of the facility, following the event. The Board also made clear the responsibility of the renter to contact the Tippecanoe County Department of Health to verify everything meets their requirements. An addendum will be added to the current agreement that will cover what can be sold, and the expectations of cleaning the facility. Mike motioned to approve the request as presented and discussed. Paula seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Joe noted he will be giving a budget presentation to the Council tomorrow, with a time given to him of somewhere between the hours of 5:00-7:00pm. Essentially our budget will be the same as this year; with the exception of what additional is provided from the City and the Clerk-Treasurer's office for any personnel and insurance items.

West Lafayette School Board – Karen reported on the following:

- An Organizational Meeting for '07-'08 was held on July 5.
- The Board of Officers for next year – Diane Sautter, President, Roland Winger, Vice President, and Alan Karpick, Secretary.
- Dr. Killion is on board and will be moving into town this week. He has decided to wait on filling the Business Manager position this summer until he sees how the corporation is running. He will decide in January, or possibly spring, how he wants to restructure the office. Financial questions, for now, should be addressed to Dr. Killion.
- School begins this year on Monday, August 13, 2007. In 2008, school will begin mid-week, Wednesday, August 13. The start dates are to get the semester in, with classes and finals completely finished before the Holiday break in December.
- This summer the Indiana School Board Association Academy was held last Thursday and Friday in French Lick, IN. The entire board attended, and had a board retreat with Dr. Killion on Wednesday, which was a good opportunity to get to know one another and discuss plans.

Wabash River

Joe reported that the Wabash River Parkway Commission did make a \$1,000.00 commitment for the sculpture project of the Parks & Recreation Foundation. The Foundation plans to do a sculpture dedication during Art on the Wabash at 1:00pm, September 16. The Friends of Downtown have also agreed to provide a \$500.00 contribution for the sculpture project.

Paula reported she received an email from Gene Hatke about Riverfest. He thinks the potential is there for the event to grow, and he plans on a wrap-up meeting within a couple of weeks. He is also very encouraged by the direction that he thinks Riverfest is going to go. The second Saturday of July in 2008 is the day for the next Riverfest.

Ann Hunt noted she took pictures of Riverfest, in Bob Bauman's absence, and that if anyone would be interested in having some, she would be happy to provide them. She sent some to the Audubon Society and Niches per their requests.

Other

N/A

Purchase Orders

N/A

Pay Claims

Paula motioned for claims to be paid. Karen seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Adjourn

Mike motioned the meeting be adjourned. Karen seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Presiding Officer

Secretary