The Parks and Recreation Board met Monday, July 16, 2018, 4:30 pm, at the Parks office. Present at said meeting were Linda Eales, Karen Springer, Jim Pitoukkas, Brandt Patz, Pat Flannelly and Park Board Attorney, Andy Gutwein. Kathy Lozano, Chris Foley, Bess Witcosky, Dan Dunten, Jon Munn and Cheryl Kolb represented the department. Also present was Council Representative, Gerald Thomas.

Linda convened the Board at 4:31 pm.

Consent Agenda Items

Minutes – provided online initially, then at meeting

Staff Management Report

Programs

- West Lafayette Varsity Soccer Coach, Shauna Stapleton and the varsity team hosted the summer Soccer Camp. 73 children in Kindergarten through 8th grade participated in this four (4) day camp July 9 – 12 at the High School Athletic Complex.

- The last summer sports camp, Football Skills Camp, begins on Monday, July 16. West Lafayette Varsity Football Coach, Shane Fry, along with his coaching staff and varsity players. The three (3) day non-contact football clinic is open to children in grades Kindergarten thru 7th grade.

- The summer Playground Program was completed on Friday, July 13. Both the 5-8 year olds and the 8-12 year old groups were held at Happy Hollow School this year. Two sessions were offered with a total enrollment of 143 children. Limited space made for some challenges but the staff planned a variety of activities for both age groups. We appreciate the West Lafayette School’s maintenance staff assistance in accommodating to our programs during their cleaning season.

- The Adult Softball League had the final scheduled bat check on June 26. League play regular games continue. The season may be extended due to weather.

- The summer pool season has been busy. Swim lessons are still very popular. We had 1,421 registrations for summer swim lessons. The fourth (4th) and final session of swim lessons began on July 9 and will finish on July 20. The evening classes for the young learners have been very popular. A new Parent/Child lesson was added this year.

- The last day for the pool will be Sunday, August 5. West Lafayette schools will start the following Thursday, August 9.

- The Police Bike Silent Auction will be held at the Park office garage on Saturday, July 21.
Morton Community Center

- **Global Fest** has received a $5000 grant from the Indiana Arts Commission. Global Fest will take place on September 15, 2018 from 12p-10p.
- The lineup for the **fall brochure** for 2018 is currently being completed and will include new classes: Adult Ballet with Nicole Bealand and Forever Fit! With Joy McEwen.
- **X Camp**, Morton’s full day camp for Arts and Academics, ended June 29. Over the course of two weeks 50 campers were able to enjoy Creative Writing, Fine Arts, Chess, Reading and Crafting, Sing, and learn the basics of the Ukulele and Glockenspiel. Campers and camp parents were very satisfied with their experience.

Lilly Nature Center

- **PALS Camp** - This is a summer program to introduce disadvantaged youth in the area to various experiences. We again hosted 200 young people at the Celery Bog Nature Area so they could be exposed to nature and the environment around them.
- **West Lafayette Farmers Market** - Various City departments set up a display each Wednesday during the market, and on June 27 it was our turn. I shared information on the new playground, trail system, Lilly Nature Center new display, and Summer Recreation/Activity Brochure.
- **Memorial Bench**- A West Lafayette teacher passed away in January and the family wanted to pay for a bench to be added to the Celery Bog Nature Area. We were happy to work out all the details with them.
- **Nature Center Display Task Force**- Now that the new display is 95% complete, the group met to start making plans for the next phase and to set priorities. We have been able to obtain a sizeable grant and that will go towards this next phase.
- **Hazardous Tree Removal** - Five dead trees that were located near trails and benches were removed at the Nature Area because of their potential to cause harm. As a result of this removal, a wide open area was created in the woods, so three donated red oak trees were planted in this area because they do not compete well in a shady situation.

Parks
Mowing season is in full swing
Preparation for Riverfest – Tapawingo Park looks really good

Claims – provided online initially, then at meeting.
Pat motioned to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented. Karen seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Old Business

**Smoking Policy – Tobacco Free Rule**
- Andy provided background information regarding the policy, noting it went to the Council meeting earlier this month; however, it will be on the agenda again for the August Council meeting. The City Council has not yet considered the issue. Andy’s recommendation is for us to bring it back to a “no tobacco use” in the parks. Once the
Council meets later this month, we will revise our policy before bringing it back for Park Board approval the following month.

New Business

2018 Global Fest Agreement
- Bess presented the agreement with the International Center, noting Andy has looked at the agreement. It is a new partnership and we’re feeling good about the agreement. Both parties have agreed that we need to go through this year, see how it works out and revise where needed. Karen motioned to approve the new vending agreement as presented. Brandt seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

West Lafayette School Board
- Karen reported construction is continuing on the new West Lafayette Intermediate School, noting everything is on schedule. Both projects at Cumberland Elementary are on time. Cumberland had been running double shifts to get everything ready that needed to be ready at the start of school. They have since cut back to a single shift. The swimming pool project is underway at the high school. The new pool is not expected to be operational until the fall of 2019. The high school athletes and swim club will be utilizing Lafayette Jeff High School’s pool facilities and the Purdue pool for their practices over the next year.

Wabash River
- Jon reported Wabash Riverfest was very successful, noting the expansion into Lafayette this year. The number of people in Tapawingo Park seemed to be lower than the past, not as crowded with people. Jon believes the focus for West Lafayette will still be on education and youth. In the future, Lafayette may continue to run with the event and expand.

Other

Jon reported the Happy Hollow Park pedestrian bridge near the playground is in need of redevelopment. Jon noted they would be using diamond plate temporarily until marine grade lumber can be purchased. Discussion followed.

Adjourn
- Pat motioned to adjourn the meeting. Brandt seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 4:51 pm.

Next Meeting Date
- The next Park Board meeting will be Monday, August 20, 2018, 4:30 pm, Parks Office, Conference Room.