The Parks and Recreation Board met Monday, October 15, 2018, 4:30 pm, at the Riverside Skating Center. 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, Jon Munn, Dan Dunten and Cheryl Kolb represented the department. Director of Development, Erik Carlson and Larry Oates, President of the Redevelopment Commission, also attended.

Linda convened the Board at 4:32 pm.

Consent Agenda Items

Minutes – provided online initially, then at meeting

Staff Management Report

EMPLOYEE MILESTONES:

- Ken Vanderhoff received backwash prevention training in collaboration with the facilities department and is now certified to perform these duties in house for the city. Congratulations Ken!
- Five staff and board members attended the National Recreation and Park Association Conference in Indianapolis from September 24-27.

PROGRAMS:

Lilly Nature Center

- New Nature Center Exhibit - A storyboard for production of a video that covers the geological changes to the property from the Ice Age to today is being created. It will also include the reason for how the Nature Area received its name. The Purdue Video and Multimedia Production Services will help with this project.
- Tree Planting - 40 trees donated by Indiana American Water will be planted at Cason Family Park in November.
- New Volunteers - Five new volunteers have been recruited and trained. Unfortunately, a 17 year volunteer, Fran Thompson, passed away unexpectedly.

Morton Community Center

- The Morton office is currently preparing and editing class proposals for the Winter/Spring 2019 Recreation Brochure. Classes should begin at Happy Hollow on January 14, 2019.
- The Morton office is also in the process of creating a project plan to ensure a smooth and timely move into Happy Hollow School at the end of 2018.

Parks Municipal Pool

- Closed for the Season

Skating Rink

- The Skating Rink is hiring and preparing for opening for the season

Park Maintenance

Keeping our parks clean and attractive takes hard work and diligence. Aside from normal activities like mowing, cleaning and mulching, our parks department accomplished the following list of projects in the past month:
• Mowing, mowing and more mowing.
• Replaced the deck on one pedestrian bridge at Happy Hollow Park and began work on the replacement of another.
• Completed plastering and painting at the Morris Schoolhouse
• Stream relocation work is nearing completion at Happy Hollow Park.
• Work has begun for the Playground replacement and shelter upgrade at Happy Hollow Park at the end of the month.

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

Old Business

Recreation Center / Morton Community Center
• Larry Oates, President of the Redevelopment Commission, provided an in depth overview of both City projects, the Recreation Center and Morton Community Center/City Hall that are currently underway. Discussion followed.

Linda noted there is going to be a tour of the ReNEWW House on Thursday, October 25, 12:00 pm, located on Hayes St. The tour will take approximately one hour. The ReNEWW House is a retrofitted, net-zero energy, water and waste house. Currently, members from the Redevelopment Commission and the City are taking the tour. Anyone interested in joining is welcome.

New Business
• n/a

West Lafayette School Board
• Ribbon cutting ceremonies at the West Lafayette Intermediate School went well last Wednesday. The school will open tomorrow.
• On September 27 & 28, we celebrated the Class of 2018 Wall of Pride Inductees. This third Wall of Pride Class welcomed six former students and two educators. The Educators were Eric Casson, High School Principal from 1958-88 and John Parente, Cumberland Principal from 1965-1985 and Happy Hollow Principal from 1985-1993.
• The ADM (Average Daily Membership) Count 9 Day was September 14. The School Corporation grew by @ 30 students.
Wabash River

- Kathy reported she met with Stan Lambert and he explained the concept for WREC. There are some fabulous ideas for the area, and with Tapawingo Park as the center point for both sides of the river, it is an exciting time for us. Kathy noted that moving forward, we need to be involved with this, by having input and say about the area. Stan would like to address the board, so Kathy would like to have him attend the November meeting, noting he would be able to show the whole plan and discuss where they are in the process. They have been actively buying up parcels of property along the river, and there are big plans.

Other

- Chris presented a request to establish a Cash/Change Fund for the Riverside Skating Center for $500.00, reverting back no later than April 30, 2019. Karen motioned to approve the request as presented. Jim seconded and the motion, and the motion carried.

Adjourn

- Brandt motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jim seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 5:21 pm.

Next Meeting Date

- The next Park Board meeting will be Monday, November 19, 2018, 4:30 pm, Riverside Skating Center

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