

The **Parks and Recreation Board** met Monday, September 15, 2008 at 4:30pm at City Hall in the Mayor's Conference Room.

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

Garnet convened the Board at 4:31pm.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the August 18, 2008 meeting. Mike motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Karen seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Garnet commented on him, his children, and Leon's behalf, how very grateful, thankful, and appreciative they all were for the Peck-Trachtman Park dedication.

**Superintendent** – Joe reported on the following:

- Noted the Council Report was included in the mailing.

**Assistant Superintendent** – Pennie reported on the following:

- Coed Softball finished for the season on Thursday, August 21. Overall, the season went very well, along with Bob Nicholson, League Director, doing a nice job with the tournament schedule. All games were close in scores. The senior men are still playing. They play on Tuesday and Thursdays from 8:30a-10:30a.
- The 14<sup>th</sup> Global Fest was another success. Pennie especially thanked the volunteer committee members, Karen Springer (in charge of commercial vendor booths), Linda Eales (Naturalization Ceremony), Tanny Dawson-Snyder (entertainment), Dot Wankat (food vendors), Patsy Hoyer (volunteers), Lisa Ncube, Sonya Margerum, Nicki McMillin, Nick Schenkel, Mindy Jester, and Brenda Lorenz (handled cultural booths and Morton indoor activities). There was lots of great coverage from the Journal & Courier.
- Pennie passed around pictures taken by Chris Foley, press coverage from the Journal & Courier, along with a nice letter to the editor from Judd Danby.

**Parks** – Lee reported on the following:

- Inspection reports available.
- We hosted another successful Global Fest.
- We helped with preparations for Art on the Wabash, previously postponed until this Sunday.
- The new Peck-Trachtman Park sign was installed.
- The Pony League backstop was installed in Cumberland Park.
- We painted the hand railing around the Morton grounds.
- Work has begun for winterizing the pool.

**Recreation** – Chris reported on the following:

- The fall brochure of classes was mailed to 4,010 households on our mailing list. Registrations are being accepted for all programs scheduled September through December.

- Volleyball for grades 4, 5, & 6 begins this Saturday, September 20. Bridget Brunton, West Lafayette's 8<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball coach, will be offering instructions in the fundamentals.

**Morton Center** – Brenda reported on the following:

- Brenda noted she attended the Purdue Graduate Fair on August 22. The event is always well attended.
- Morton held an open house on Saturday, September 6. The yoga instructors called it a success since they had a number of attendees. Attendance at many of the other rooms was very light, though. It will certainly be tried again, but possibly on a Thursday evening.
- Morton will be represented at the Farmers Market this coming Wednesday. We will have yoga, fencing, and belly dance demonstrations, along with Deb Remsburg, who will be there with some of her decorative gourds.
- Art on the Wabash was rescheduled to this coming Sunday, September 21. Everyone is hopeful for better weather than the previous weekend.
- WALLA is holding a political debate tonight at 7:00p. Their next session of classes will be Oct. 13 - November 6.
- As part of the Coalition for Living Well After 50, we are encouraging everyone to attend the Just Walk event which is scheduled for Saturday, October 18, beginning at 10:00a at the Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds. The free walk will be either ½ mile or 2 miles. Door prizes will be awarded. Pre-registration forms are available at Morton.

**Old Business**

**Aldi Proposal**

Justin Furr and Dave Griffy/Civil Designs, along with Dan Teder, local attorney representing Aldi, presented information pertaining to the property in question. Mr. Teder noted a title search for the property in question found that Lux owns the property that Aldi is interested in obtaining on Sagamore Parkway West, not the City/Parks department. Aldi will continue to work with the City/Parks department in their effort to remain a good neighbor in the community. Mike wished to note that this is a step backwards on our behalf, in terms of corridor space.

**New Business**

**Public Schools Foundation of Tippecanoe County, Inc.**

Joe presented information received in a letter from the Public Schools Foundation of Tippecanoe County, Inc. requesting use of Tapawingo Park for their 6<sup>th</sup> annual Polar Bear Plunge on Saturday, February 21, at 2:00p. Mike motioned to approve the request as presented. Karen seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**West Lafayette School Board** – Karen reported on the following:

- New Board members are David Grenat & Brad Marley. Both David & Brad have been involved in the school corporation. David served on the Superintendent Search Community Advisory Committee & Brad served on the Blue Ribbon Finance Committee & West Lafayette Schools Education Foundation.

- The School Corporation appreciates the City's help with the Burtsfield demolition in exchange for School Corporation deeding the Burtsfield easement to the City for the Salisbury Street & Sidewalk Stage Two Project. The School Corporation is also appreciative of the City's help with the Happy Hollow Drainage Project.
- The School Corporation is disconnecting with Johnson Controls, our outsourced maintenance & custodial service. The maintenance and custodial staff will now be under the Wabash Valley Education Service Center, which means they will once again be School Corporation employees. We are advertising for a Director of Maintenance & Custodial Services with an educational background.

**Wabash River**

Paula mentioned attending the most recent public meeting, noting it was very interesting. Joe passed around copies of the Wabash River Corridor Enhancement Project Planning Schedule.

**Other**

**NRPA Congress**

Pennie requested approval to for her and Chris to purchase items for the department during attendance at the NRPA Congress in Baltimore, MD in October. Paula motioned approval of purchases per request. Karen seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**2009 Budget**

Joe noted he received a copy of the proposed 2009 budget during the afternoon, prior to the meeting, but had not a chance to review. Joe also informed the Board members of the recent loss of a position involving our department.

**Pay Claims**

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

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 5:14pm.

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Presiding Officer

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Secretary