

Minutes of Board Meeting.....August 15, 2011

Attending: Sue Fortman, Sharon Phillips, Tom Ogden, Victor Dance, Ed Dodds, George Granholt, Vietta McKenzie, Joyce Denton, Robert Barker, Teresa Kovacich, Casey Jo White, WTRE, Scott Moore, Chad Evans, Bob Nobbe, Becca Deiwert, Amy Bray, Greensburg Youth Football, Jennifer Hadley, Christy Moore, Lisa Shackelford, Tim Day, Nightmare Youth Football.

Minutes were read and discussed on a motion made by Ed Dodds and seconded by Joyce Denton.

Claims were discussed and approved on a motion made by Joyce Denton and seconded by Vietta McKenzie.

New Business:

Bob Barker reported to the Board that he has met with our insurance adjustor concerning the tornado/hail damage that we incurred on May 25, 2011. There was approximately \$150,000.00 in property damage with possibly more to come in the future. Approximately \$30,000.00 was paid for tree removal and debris clean-up. There is no coverage for the tree damage with the exception of expenses incurred as a result of a tree landing on a structure. There will be no reimbursement until the remaining logs in the park have been removed. The remaining logs have been left in place for loggers to bid on. This process is being handled by the City of Greensburg/Mayor. The bids are to be received in September.

Scott Moore, president of Greensburg Youth Football, addressed the Board concerning the use of North Park by Nightmare Youth Football. He gave the Board a brief overview of the organization explaining that their league has been in existence for nearly 30 years. They are a member of the Mid Southern Youth Football League. They use the same format at the Greensburg School Corporation concerning background checks. Code of conduct forms are required for their parents and coaches. They currently have 186 players participating in their league. Approximately 58% (107) of the players qualify to play for free or pay a reduced entry fee. GYFL does not prohibit players from participating in more than one league. The new league (Nightmare Youth Football) was formed because of philosophical differences. They were not asked to leave GYFL. Players range in age from 4 yrs. 12 years and may not exceed 200lbs. The weight limit is a Mid Southern Youth Football League rule that is put in place for safety reasons. The league includes teams from Milan, North Decatur, South Decatur, Triton Central and Greensburg. Teams play 6 regular season games plus a tournament. Coach Moore stated that although it is the desire of the GYFL that they be the sole league to use North Park, they are prepared to proceed either way. Their main concern with Nightmare Youth Football League using the facility is the field upkeep and field playing condition. When the Board asked if they would be playing home games at North Park on the dates requested for use by Nightmare Youth Football League, the group stated that they had not received the final copy of the league schedule from

Mid South. They stated that although it was unlikely that they would be playing a home game on a Saturday, it would be a possibility as Triton Central had requested some of their games to be played on Saturday instead of Sunday. Coach Moore also stated that it was Greensburg's turn to host a tournament game which would most likely take place on a Saturday in mid-October. He thanked the Board for allowing him to share the league information.

Old Business:

Representatives of Nightmare Youth Football came to the Board for a decision on their request to use North Park for their home games on October 1, 8 and 15. Tim Day, a parent of a player in both leagues, addressed the Board. Mr. Day's wife, Shannon, had called Teresa earlier in the day to tell her that several of the parent's in the Nightmare Youth Football League were upset with league president, Cary Ralph, because they had been misled in thinking that their son could play in both leagues. After beginning practices in both leagues, they were now being told by Nightmare Youth Football that their son's would have to make a choice of which league they preferred to play in as they were not allowed to play in both leagues. Mr. Day explained to the Board that Nightmare Youth Football had agreed to allow no more than two players to play in both leagues. He said that he didn't personally feel as if he had been misled, it was just something that wasn't clarified in any of the paperwork that they had completed. He went on to say that their organization might be under new direction very soon, possibly even later that evening. The league representatives present at the meeting said that it was their hope that Newton Shackelford would accept the position of president when they ask Cary Ralph to step down. Nightmare Youth Football currently has 50 players in their league. The league includes players from Bartholomew and Ripley counties. Bob Barker shared a complaint that he had received concerning the use of the Oddfellows Rebekah Park for Nightmare Youth Football practices. The complaints stated that the group has essentially taken over the entire park for practices making it difficult for the public to use the facility for park purposes. The group in attendance stated that they were not aware of the complaints and would address that issue with their group. The Board thanked the group for coming and told them that they would be advised of their decision. Following further discussion of the issue, Joyce Denton made a motion to approve the request of Nightmare Youth Football to use North Park for home games on October 1, 8 and 15. Vietta McKenzie seconded the motion.

Letters of Communication:

We received a thank you note from the United Fund for our donation of a pool party for their annual auction.

Levenstein's Abby Carpets sent us a note of thanks for purchasing the new carpeting for the County Park House.

The Greensburg Optimist Club sent us a thank you card for allowing us to use our table and chairs for their food booth at the fair.

Superintendent's Report:

The North Decatur Junior High Cheerleaders recently held a cheer camp in our gym. Their gym was unavailable due to construction.

South Decatur High School used our gym for their volleyball team camp. The camp was conducted by Indiana University.

The annual Park Board family picnic will be held at the County Park on Monday, September 19.

With no further business to discuss, Tom Ogden made a motion to adjourn. Ed Dodds seconded the motion.