

Minutes of Board Meeting.....September 19, 2011

Attending: Howard Wilkison, Sue Fortman, Sharon Phillips, Tom Ogden, Victor Dance, Ed Dodds, George Granholt, Vietta McKenzie, Joyce Denton, Robert Barker and Teresa Kovacich.

Minutes were read and approved on a motion made by Vietta McKenzie. Joyce Denton seconded the motion.

Claims were discussed and approved on a motion made by Ed Dodds and seconded by Sue Fortman.

New Business:

We have received a request for a stop sign to be placed at the exit from the Oddfellows Rebekah Park across from the new walking trails. Students have been cutting through the park and entering NE80 without stopping. We checked with the city street department and they did not have one for us as it was considered private property. We have put in two new Park/Playground signs near the new park in hopes of slowing down the traffic on NE 80. We will check with the county to see if they might have a stop sign that we could install.

Bids have been received for the storm damage repairs to the park shelters, pool buildings, barn and park houses. The projects were bid separately so that we are able to pick and choose to get the best price for each job. Our staff will do some of the smaller jobs in an effort to save money. The lowest bids were received as follows:

Rocklane - Parks Department Siding Repair & Oddfellows Park Garage Roof Restoration Drs. - Sports Complex House, Park Shelter #6, County Park House Double D Roofing - Pool Buildings, Sports Complex Barn, Park Shelter House

Sue made a motion to give Bob Barker the authority make decisions concerning the awarding of bids for the repairs as he sees best. Vietta McKenzie seconded the motion.

The dedication for the new walking trails was held on Saturday, August 20, 2011. Several attended and the morning went well. Lots of people have been using the trails and we have received a lot of positive feedback. We are adding an additional trail. We have been looking in to the possibility of installing a pet waste station. Sue mentioned that we look for the company that was advertising them for free. She said that she thought it was in one of the park catalogs that she has been receiving.

Letters of Communication:

We received a very nice thank you card from Virgie Buell and family thanking us for the dedication ceremony for the walking trails.

Superintendent's Report:

We recently participated in the United Fund Day of Caring. We partnered with the Decatur County REMC and Greensburg Community High School. The REMC employees helped clean up cut wood at the walking trails and the students painted equipment at the Oddfellows Rebekah Park.

No bids were received to purchase the logs that remain down in the Decatur County Park. The Mayor has started the process to schedule an auction. One local tree service has offered to haul away all of the logs for 50% of the proceeds. The Board unanimously agreed that it was time to get the trees/logs out of the park.

St. Mary's held a kickball tournament at the Sport Complex. The event is being held as a fundraiser for the St. Mary's School Building Fund.

The men's and women's volleyball leagues are underway with six and twelve teams respectively.

Our maintenance staff has repaired the vinyl fence at North Park.

Window and screen repair has been completed at the sports complex by Adam Bruner, maintenance supervisor.

We recently had a break-in at the Parks Department building. Entry was gained through a downstairs restroom window. Upon gaining entry in to the office, the desk drawers were ransacked but nothing was taken. They were gone by the time that the police responded to the security alarm call from ETC.

Ann Wagner is no longer working for us. Due to health issues, she will be moving to Elkart to live with her sister. We will be looking for a replacement for her. She primarily worked on Friday nights, Saturdays and Sundays.

With no further business to report, Tom Ogden made a motion to adjourn. Victor Dance seconded the motion.