

Minutes of Board Meeting.....July 18, 2011

Attending: Howard Wilkison, Sue Fortman, Tom Ogden, Victor Dance, Norm Campbell, Ed Dodds, George Granholt, Vietta McKenzie, Joyce Denton, Robert Barker, Teresa Kovacich and guests, Cary Ralph, Newton and Lisa Shackelford, Christy and Shawn Murray and Brian and Michelle Lang representing Nightmare Youth Football.

Minutes were read and approved on a motion made by Victor Dance and seconded by Vietta McKenzie.

Claims were discussed and approved on a motion made by George Granholt and seconded by Ed Dodds.

New Business:

Darci Kovacich, Swimming Lessons Director, gave a brief overview of our revised swimming lessons program. She completed a Water Safety Instructor class this winter in Columbus. She explained that all teachers are given lesson plans for their respective levels. By following these guidelines, the children are receiving more instruction than they have in the past. The numbers were up slightly this summer and we received several compliments on the program.

Stacie Reisman, Camp Rainbow Director, was unable to attend the board meeting to give her report on this year's camp. Bob Barker told the board that the camp had gone well and that the children enjoyed all of the activities.

Cary Ralph reported to the Board on the newly formed youth football league. He said that the league had been started to teach a different kind of football, using different rules. He said that their league is for first through sixth grade, regardless of age or weight. He explained that the Greensburg Youth Football League has weight limits and does not allow players over the age of twelve to play even if they are currently in the sixth grade. They have fifty-three players participating on three teams. They have been practicing at the Oddfellows-Rebekah Park. Children do not have to pay to play as fundraising is done to cover all costs. They carry liability insurance through the Central Indiana Bantam Football League (CIBFL). Mr. Ralph stated that they were present at the meeting to request the use of North Park for their home games on four Saturdays. (8/27, 10/1, 10/8 and 10/15). They have contacted both North Decatur and South Decatur about using their facilities, but their request was denied. They are not requesting the use of the concession stand and would be open to allowing the Greensburg Youth Football League to sell concessions with the proceeds going to that organization. Newton Shackelford addressed the Board and stated that many of their parents were involved in the fundraising that helped support the development of North Park for football. They felt that they have a right to play there as well. Following further discussion, Howard Wilkison told them that the Board would table their request until they had the opportunity to hear from representatives from the Greensburg Youth Football

League. He told them that it would be in their best interest to find an alternative site for the game on August 27 as the Board does not meet again until August 15. He thanked them all for coming to meeting. After the guests were dismissed from the meeting, the Board further discussed the request. Vietta McKenzie stated that she had a problem with players being excluded from the Greensburg Youth Football League due to age or weight. She said that she felt that was discriminating. Joyce Denton and Vietta McKenzie voiced their willingness to support two leagues. They agreed that they needed more information from the new leagues including, proof of insurance, proof of non-profit status, list of Board of Directors and a list of Board Members. This information will be requested from the organization prior to the next meeting. The Board also agreed to invite representatives from the Greensburg Youth Football League to attend the next Park Board meeting. Joyce Denton made a motion to table the issue until the August meeting. Ed Dodds second the motion.

Bob explained to the Board that the City of Greensburg has requested that we enter in to an agreement with them regarding the revenue from the sale of the marketable logs in the County Park. The agreement states that the revenue from the sale of the logs will be turned over to the Decatur County Parks and Recreation Department to help cover storm clean-up and repair costs. Victor made a motion to approve the City of Greensburg/Decatur County Parks and Recreation Department "Log" Revenue agreement. Norm Campbell seconded the motion.

Work has been continuing on the walking nature trails. The trails are 85-90% complete at this time. New picnic tables, grills and landscaping will be put in to place soon. The dedication for the new park is scheduled for Saturday, August 20 at 10AM.

Downey Insurance recently conducted a routine inspection of the Allen Memorial Swimming Pool. While no major violations were found they did make the following recommendations:

- 1) Employees should not mow around the pool area when patrons are present.
- 2) All lifeguards should undergo a vision evaluation using an eye chart or should present a driver's license to determine if they should be wearing glasses or contacts.
- 3) Chemical gloves and masks should be available at all times.
- 4) The pool should have a portable lightning detector or on-site access to radar.
- 5) The maximum pool capacity should be posted.

Bob informed the Board that employees have been told in the past not to mow around the pool when swimmers are present. Beginning next year, we will request copies of driver's licenses for all lifeguards to determine if they need to wear glasses or contacts. The chemical gloves and masks were on site but not visible for the inspection. The maximum pool capacity is posted on our rules sign.

Temporary repairs to the Allen Memorial Swimming Pool are not holding and the pool is leaking several gallons of water daily. Major repairs will be necessary. It is our desire to get them completed this fall with payment to be made in 2012 if the

contractor is willing to agree to these arrangements. It is very difficult to have these types of repairs completed in the spring as contractors are so busy during this time.

Superintendent's Report:

Brenden Barker, Swimming Pool Manager, and Darci Kovacich, Swimming Lessons Director have compiled a new Pool Handbook and Emergency Action Plan. The booklet covers employees issues, expectations, emergency guidelines, etc.

Bob Barker followed up with Mr. Jeff Westerkamm after our last meeting. Mr. Westerkamm was involved with an argument a couple of weeks ago and was escorted out of the complex by Indiana State Trooper, Anthony Scott. He was banned from returning to the complex.

We received a complaint today concerning fees charged for those attending the boys' baseball tourneys. The gentleman stated that he was charged to park and then was charged to enter the complex. Bob contact Larry Ricketts about the complaint and Larry stated that no one is charged twice to park/enter the complex. He said that all complexes charge entry fees for spectators.

Aaron's is sponsoring a Community Day event at the Allen Memorial Swimming Pool from 4-10PM on Saturday, July 23. The event is being held in honor of those who were impacted by the recent tornado and hail storm. They have rented the pool from 7-10PM and we are donating the use of the pool from 4-7PM. Aaron's is also providing free food, music and give-aways.

The Bob Brewsaugh family collected \$122.00 at their recent family reunion and donated it to our department to be used to purchase a tree for the County Park.

The gym is being used this week for the South Decatur High School volleyball team camp. Their gym is unavailable due to construction and renovation. The Decatur County School Corporation provided a school bus for two Camp Rainbow field trips. We are developing a relationship between our department and their corporation that should benefit both of us.

Co-rec softball is underway at Kohler Park. The league has twelve teams participating though early September.

The new playground equipment has been installed at the Fugit Township Park in Clarksburg.

Bob will be meeting with the Decatur County Community Foundation at the County Park concerning a project to replace trees lost in the storm.

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

