

Minutes of Board Meeting.....October 17, 2011

Attending: Howard Wilkison, Sharon Phillips, Tom Ogden, Victor Dance, Norm Campbell, Ed Dodds, George Granholt, Vietta McKenzie, Robert W. Barker, Teresa Kovacich and Casey Jo White, WTRE.

Minutes were read and approved on a motion made by Victor Dance and seconded by Ed Dodds.

Claims were discussed and approved on a motion made by George Granholt and seconded by Vietta McKenzie.

New Business:

Bob Barker shared a copy of the 2011 Allen Memorial Swimming Pool Report with the Board. The report was prepared by pool manager, Brenden Barker. The report includes daily water testing logs, attendance information, staff hours worked, safety procedures and more.

Bob Barker told the Board that he is scheduled to meet with the County Council on October 18 at 9:00AM concerning the drain repairs at the Allen Memorial Swimming Pool. We have received a bid in the amount of \$97,991.00 from Spear Corporation. This far surpassed the anticipated cost of \$25,000.00 that we were expecting. The project will have to be bid out due to the high cost. This bid includes everything that will be needed to complete the project in its entirety. The pipes would be replaced with PVC from the pool all the way back to the filters. It could be completed for less money if the old pipe which is sixty years old is left in place. This pipe could fail at anytime given its age. Following further discussion, George Granholt made a motion to allow Bob to present the project to the County Council for funding to do the entire project correctly. Tom Ogden seconded the motion.

Our office received notice that a Tort Claim has been filed by the Hensley Legal Group who is representing Doris Moulton, St. Paul, IN. The claim states that they are seeking compensation for injuries sustained while using the paddleboats at the County Park. The claim gave no details on the injury or what compensation they are seeking. Our office was unaware that any accident had occurred. No accident report was filed and no one has contacted our office prior to receiving the claim. When asked, Allan Dillow, County Park Caretaker, said that he was not aware of a paddleboat accident. Bob Barker contacted Partick Graue, our paddleboat worker, concerning the incident. Patrick stated that he recalls the incident but said that the lady involved appeared to have scraped her leg and that he didn't feel that it was serious enough to require an accident report form to be filled out. The claim was referred to our insurance company and the County Commissioners were notified as they were not named in the suit. Victor Dance questioned our accident report policy. He suggested that all employees be required to complete an accident report form, regardless of the seriousness of the injury. The Board agreed that it would be best to step up our policy regarding record keeping of accidents.

The tenants at the County Park house located adjacent to the Decatur County Youth Sports Complex are delinquent in their rent payments. David and Tammy Stuckey were notified in writing on Friday, October 7, that they were in default of their lease agreement. A certified letter was sent on October 17, 2011 as we received no response to our previous notice. They have also violated the No Pet clause of the lease. When Bob was attempting to speak with them, he heard dogs barking inside the house. He opened the door one inch and three dogs came to the door. They have since accused Bob of entering their residence without permission. As stated, he did not enter the house he just opened the door to see the dogs. They have also stated that they are seeking legal counsel as they felt like we were harassing them while we were attempting to make window repairs needed as a result of the storm. Bob Barker has instructed our staff not to enter the home without permission. A fifteen-day notice is required before asking the sheriff to serve eviction papers. It may be necessary to file a small claims claim. We may need to seek legal counsel.

Superintendent's Report:

Bob met with John Peters who purchased the land adjacent to the new walking trails. He has offered to sell the land to us for 40% higher than what we would have paid on the day of the sale. No funds are available to purchase the property at this time.

An auction is scheduled for Saturday, November 5 at 10:00AM at the Decatur County Park.

Two pet waste stations have been installed at the new walking trails. They were purchased from Lester Recreation Designs. We did find a company that provides and services them at no cost but they require you to have 100 which is far more than we needed.

The Nightmare Youth Football league has completed their three weekends of games at North Park. They borrowed our portable scoreboard as the Greensburg Youth Football League preferred that they not use theirs.

Indiana Wire has made fence repairs at the youth sports complex. Jim Hagerty has been working on some of the dugouts.

The repairs to the barn, pool buildings, shelter #2 and the park houses are going to be completed by November. Our maintenance staff will be roofing the smaller shelters to save money.

Windows have been repaired or replaced at the Park House by our maintenance staff.

The men's and women's volleyball leagues are in progress.

The new backboards and goals have been installed at the County Park. The work was completed by our maintenance staff.

We are using one of the backboards that was taken down at the County Park to replace one that was broken here in the gym.

The large white vinyl sign at the park entrance is being replaced. Vinyl Solutions will be making and installing the sign. The graphics will be done by Green Signs. This bill will be submitted for reimbursement due to the storm.

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