

Minutes of Board Meeting.....May 16, 2011

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

Minutes were read and approved on a motion made by Victor Dance and seconded by Sharon Phillips.

Claims were discusses and approved on a motion made by Ed Dodds and seconded by Norm Campbell.

New Business:

Bob Barker made the Board aware of a conflict in the making concerning North Park. Cary Ralph, who is no longer affiliated with the Greensburg Youth Football League, has now organized his own league known as the Nightmare Football League. He is advertising that his league will be playing their home games at North Park. The Greensburg Youth Football League is the only league sponsored by the Decatur County Parks and Recreation Department and is the sole league approved to play at North Park. The Board agreed that they would reject any request made by the Nightmare Football League concerning the use of that location for any games and/or practices. Scott Moore, GCHS Varsity Football Coach, is the president of the Greensburg Youth Football League.

No representatives of the Decatur County Girls Softball Association or the Greensburg Youth Baseball League were present at the meeting. They had asked to be placed on the agenda and one topic that they had planned to address was the status of an additional restroom facility at the Decatur County Youth Sports Complex. Bob Barker informed the Board that all user fees were being deposited in to a capital improvement fund for the complex.

Bob Barker updated the Board on the status of the Oddfellows Rebekah Park trails project. Bob and Howard Wilkison met with the Decatur County Commissioners two weeks ago and were told that the project would be stayed for two weeks pending a decision. The commissioners stated that they were not aware that the property was purchased for the development of walking trails by the Parks Department. He explained to the Board that the recent newspaper article covering that meeting stated that the Decatur County Parks and Recreation Department Superintendent and the Decatur County Park Board were undertaking the project without the approval of the Decatur County Commissioners. Following further investigation a second article that appeared in the Greensburg Daily News in 2008 was found and confirmed that the Decatur County Council had approved the purchase of the land in question for the purpose of the developing walking trails. Rheadawn Metz made the motion to approve the purchase and it was seconded by Geneva Hunt. John Richards, Decatur County Commissioner was present at that meeting. Bob and Howard met with the Decatur County Commissioners this morning and agreed to

allow the trails project to continue. They said that it might be a possibility that the Decatur County Highway Department would construct a building on the corner of the property sometime in the future. The commissioners were provided with a copy of the Indiana Parks and Recreation laws for future reference. Howard Wilkison assured the Board that we have followed all regulations in regard to proceeding with this project.

The new playground equipment has been ordered for the Fugit Township Park in Clarksburg. It is scheduled to be delivered this week. The Decatur County Community Foundation awarded us a grant in the amount of \$15,000.00. We were also awarded a \$3,000.00 grant from the Decatur County REMC Community Trust. These grants will be applied to the total cost of \$21,219.00 for the equipment and installation. (\$17,519.00/equipment and \$3,700.00/installation). The installation will be done by the same contractor that we used for the North Park project.

Old Business:

The park house located at 707 S. County Road 200W. has not been rented. We may need to advertise that it is available. The monthly rent will be \$600.00 which includes water.

Superintendent's Report:

Adam Bruner, our new maintenance supervisor, is having some health issues. He will undergo major surgery and will be required to be off work for 4-6 weeks. During this time, Richard DeLay will be moved back in to the position of maintenance supervisor.

We recently partnered with Honda for a community service day. Honda provided forty employees to weed, plant flowers and mulch at various park locations. These included the sports complex, pool, County Park, Parks Department building and Oddfellows Rebekah Park. They spent three hours taking care of projects that are usually done by Teresa. They also donated twenty recycling containers that were placed at the complex, pool and the park.

A memorial rock and tree were recently placed along the walkway to diamond 8 at the sports complex in honor of James Bumbala. Several friends of the family gave monetary donations to the project.

The co-ed softball league is scheduled to begin this week with twelve teams participating. The league will continue throughout the summer and no fall league will be offered.

The pool opening is set for Saturday, May 28. Temporary repairs have been made to control the leak situation so that we could open this summer with permanent repairs to be made after closing. The concrete is deteriorating around the main drains.

Swimming lessons are scheduled to begin on June 6. Three two-week sessions will be offered. Darci Kovacich will be directing the program this summer. She recently completed her Water Safety Instructor course through the Columbus Parks and Recreation Department and is excited to bring some new ideas to the program.

The gym at North Decatur will be closed this summer for renovation. We have approved the use of our gym for three days for their junior high cheerleading camp. Camp will be held on July 26, 27 and 28 during the day.

We have had several issues of vandalism at North Park. Picnic tables have been destroyed and graffiti has been removed from the shelter house and the playground equipment.

The new sidewalk has been completed at the County Park. The walkway provides easy access from the center of the park to those crossing the road to the swimming pool and the sports complex. A pedestrian crosswalk is planned when the parking lot is being resealed and striped.

We incurred no flood damage to the Parks Department building during the recent heavy rainfall.

The Honda Goldwings have requested the use of the pool showers again this year. They have an annual convention at the fairgrounds and need additional shower facilities for those attending. We have agreed to open the pool bathhouse for two hours in the morning and evening for their use. They have agreed to make a donation to our department in return.

We have been experiencing some issues with the Skydivers using our parking lot at the pool. They have placed a sign at the parking lot entrance directing their patrons to use our parking facility. While this is not a big issue at this time, it will become a problem when the pool opens and the complex gets in to full swing. Bob told the Board that he is looking in to the situation and it trying to find out why they have been banned from parking at the airport/fairgrounds/bowling alley.

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