

Seymour Parks & Recreation Department
Board Minutes
February 13th, 2023

Seymour Parks & Recreation Board met at Seymour City Hall on Monday, February 13th, at 4 pm. Members in attendance were Monica Riley, Bethany Rust, Kendra Zumhingst, Art Juergens, and Tim Ferret. Members of the Parks Department present were Stacy Findley, Chad Keithley, Kerry Bevers, Tracey Cole, and Allycen Wheeler. Also in attendance were Public Information Specialist January Rutherford, Brandon Rodriguez, Brad Nolan, Christy Nolan, Chris Boggs, and Karen Dringenburg. From the Tribune, Zach Spicer attended.

Monica called the meeting to order. A motion to approve the January minutes was made by Bethany and seconded by Kendra. A motion to approve the January claims was made by Art and seconded by Kendra.

Bethany made a motion to approve both the 502 and 506-9 January balances. Art seconded the motion. Motion carried for approval of both funds.

Updates:

- Stacy introduced Karen Dringenburg from Leadership Jackson County, asking Karen to approach the Park Board with her proposal for the Leadership Jackson County Project she is currently working on. Karen is working with Dr. Nate Otte on publishing a book to promote downtown Seymour IN. The book has a story line of a dog walking through five stops in the downtown area, four of the stops will be the following parks: Crossroads Park, Burkhart Plaza, Steinker Platz, and Mellencamp Plaza. The fifth location mentioned in the book will be at the Jackson County Public Library. Karen is asking for the Parks Department to allow a concrete pad with a dog print, and signage to be displayed at each location mentioned in the book. There were several questions and concerns addressed about the project, and not enough information to be given at this time. Kendra asked to table the discussion until further information was available.
- Stacy and Chris Boggs discussed the price increase for the Shields Park Pool for 2023.
 - Admission will now be \$5.00 per person over the age of 5 years old, any child 5 years of age and younger will be free.
 - Swim lessons will now be \$50.00 per person
 - Season passes will now be \$50.00 per person

Stacy also informed the Parks Board that we will be closing down the kiddie pool for 2023. We are losing 5,000 gallons of water a day which is causing incredibly high billing in the sewer and water departments. Bethany made a motion to approve to move forward with the price increase for the pool and Kendra seconded it. Motion was carried.

- Stacy has reached out to Project AWARE Indiana Grant Committee in support of Girls Inc. of Jackson County. She would like to provide assistance to participants of Girls Inc. of Jackson County in offering ecotherapy which includes: nature walks and story trails at Shields Park, physical activity at Crossroads Community Park and disc golf at Freeman Field Recreational Complex. In addition, parks staff will assist youth in outdoor activities such as; basketball,

volleyball, and pickleball in the local parks. Stacy is currently waiting to hear if approval will be given.

- Stacy stated we have taken down two interior walls at the Community Center in the office area to create a more intimate setting for people to have smaller gatherings. This room has been updated with paint, new carpet, new furniture, a television, and fun decor. Stacy asked the Parks Board their opinion of what the fee should be for this area. They decided \$50.00 a day with a \$100 refundable deposit would be perfect for this area. Bethany made a motion to approve with this proposal and Kendra seconded it. Motion carried.
- Stacy discussed that in the year 2020 we started exchanging regular bulbs to LED bulbs at the ball diamonds. There are only 15 bulbs left to replace at Kasting Park, the bulbs are purchased, we just haven't been able to install them yet. Stacy presented a quote from B & C Electric for CB Hess Soccer Field in the amount of \$15,900, Freeman Field diamonds 1,2,and 3 in the amount of \$19,000, and Freeman Field diamonds 4 and 5 in the amount of \$57,000. Brad and Christy Nolan from B & C Electric stated the quotes for Freeman Field diamonds 1,2,3,4,and 5 could be different, but they could not tell us at this time because they are currently waiting on Duke to present them a cost as well. Stacy has asked to make CB Hess a priority at this time, because it is dark in most areas there and frequently used by the public. Kendra made a motion to approve the quote on CB Hess Soccer Field in the amount of \$15,900, Bethany seconded. Motion carried.
- Chad presented two quotes for commercial doors for Westside Park restrooms. One quote was from SCI Enterprise, LLC for \$5,079.10, and one quote was from Small-Town Glass Co. for \$8,739.20. SCI Enterprise was 6-10 weeks out on the doors and their doors were hollow core steel doors. Small-Town Glass Co. had their doors in stock in their Louisville location and their doors are a solid steel door. Bethany made a motion to approve the Small-Town Glass Co. quote, Art seconded. Motion carried.
- Stacy stated to the Parks Board that Grace Furlow will be joining the Parks and Recreation Department this summer for her IUPUC college internship for business.
- Stacy presented a Letter of Intent for 2023 salary donation to the Parks Board members to sign if they wish to have their salary donated to Parks and Recreation funds. Monica suggested the Letter of Intent be revised to state it is a waiver of payment to Parks Board members as opposed to a donation of salary. Stacy presented the revised 2023 Salary Waiver.

Program/Leagues Update:

- Programs for 2023 were presented
- Soccer Registration - Chad stated the registration will be ending on February 17th, and there are currently 448 participants enrolled.
- Banner Ads are available for purchase
- Co-Ed Dodgeball Tourney - March 4th, 2023 @ Boys and Girls Club @ 11am
- Senior Prom - Chad stated that this event will be hosted on February 24th from 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the Community Center, and there are currently 10 individuals enrolled.

Park Incidents:

- On January 13th there was a car traveling on North Ewing Street and 2nd Street which hit the train tracks and went airborne landing at Crossroads Park. Once the car landed it caused damage

to the landscape, bench seat, and sidewalk at Crossroads Park. We are currently waiting on the insurance company of the driver to see what we need to do with the damages.

Reservation Requests:

- Total Rock Radio 96.3 WJAA would like to reserve Crossroads Park on August 12th from 5 p.m.- 10 p.m. They have submitted their rental agreement and COI. Bethany motioned to approve and Tim seconded. Motion carried.
- Jackson County Public Library would like to reserve Crossroads Park on July 10th from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. They have submitted their rental agreement and COI. Bethany motioned to approve and Tim seconded. Motion carried.
- Surge Staffing would like to reserve Crossroads Park on September 30th from 2 p.m.-5 p.m. They have submitted their rental agreement, but we are waiting on their COI. Bethany motioned to approve and Tim seconded. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Business:

- Stacy presented the contract from Pyrotecnico Fireworks, Inc. for the 4th of July fireworks display. Pyrotecnico Fireworks, Inc is asking for a deposit of \$9,350.00, a signature for agreement for the display, and the remaining balance to be paid ten days from the display date, July 4th, 2023. Bethany motioned to approve and Art seconded. Motion carried.

Kendra made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bethany seconded. Motion carried.

The next Parks Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 13th, at 4:00pm