

Seymour Parks & Recreation Department
Board Minutes
February 12, 2024 at 4 pm

Seymour Parks & Recreation Board met at Seymour City Hall on Monday, February 12, at 4 p.m. Members in attendance were Monica Riley, Kendra Zumhingst, Art Juergens, Bethany Rust and Tim Ferret via zoom. Members of the Parks Department present were Chad Keithley, Tracey Cole, Kerry Bevers, and Allycen Wheeler. Also in attendance were Mayor Matthew Nicholson, Public Information Specialist January Rutherford, and Bridget Deaton. From the Tribune, Zach Spicer attended.

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

Kendra made a motion to approve both the 2211 and 2503-9 January balances. Bethany seconded the motion. Motion carried for approval of both funds.

Updates:

- Chad stated with the 5310 Grant approval ARA is in the final stages of getting everything submitted onto Black Cat. However before doing so, they will need to have Exhibit G signed, approved, and documented through the Parks Board meeting minutes so that INDOT can see that it was approved. Kendra made a motion that they accept Exhibit G from INDOT. Bethany seconded. Motion carried. Monica, the Parks Board President also signed the document.
- Chad stated Dave and Chris have committed to coming back for the 2024 season, but they do not want to man the pool during all open hours. There is a two day CPO (certified pool operator) course that two Parks employees will be attending. Chad asked for approval from the board. Bethany made a motion to approve the classroom training. Tim seconded. Motion carried.
- Chad discussed kiddie pool updates. He stated WPC has started construction and the bottom has been torn out. We are now waiting on a quote for a plumber. When plumbing is complete, WPC will finalize the project. Chad said it is on track for the 2024 season.
- Chad stated we applied for a Tree City and Zumba Grant through RDC; both were approved. We received \$4700 for Zumba, which makes Zumba free to the public for the entire 2024 year. With the Tree City Grant we received \$21,569.
 - He informed the board he finalized the FY24 Grant and it was approved and closed out. He applied for the FY25 Indiana Arts Grant in the amount of \$4000 for murals on the backside of the dugouts at Kasting.
 - He also applied for a Duke Energy Grant for \$20,000 to assist in our park lighting project.
- Chad discussed a recent inquiry from a marketing firm wishing to have a courtesy charging station at the Community Center with their advertising on the equipment. The Parks board did not feel this was something we needed to do.

Park Incidents:

- None

Program/Leagues Update:

- Singles Night - This event was canceled due to lack of participants.
- Candle Making Workshop - This event took place on February 3, 2024, from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Seymour Community Center. There were 17 participants present.
- Senior Prom - This event will take place on February 23, 2024, from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the Seymour Community Center. Tickets are \$15 per person, with food, sweet treats, and drinks available.
- Spring Soccer - Registration started on January 16, 2024. There are currently 174 registered for this league.
- Adult Co-Ed Dodgeball Tournament - This event will take place on March 16, 2024, from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Boys and Girls Club of Seymour. The team fee is \$100 or \$20 per player.
- Lifeguard Certification Class - This course will take place on April 6-7, 2024, from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. at the Seymour High School Aquatic Center. The cost of the course is \$200 per person; for a recertification the cost is \$100 per person.
- Jest Fest Comedy Show - This event will take place on March 2, 2024, from 6-8 p.m., at the Seymour Community Center. This is a family friendly event.

Reservation Requests:

- Shelby Eggers with Schneck Foundation has requested to reserve Crossroads Park on August 2, 2024, from 11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.. She has submitted the rental agreement and COI for the event. Kendra motioned to approve the reservation. Bethany seconded. Motion carried.
- Bri Roll with Seymour Main Street has requested to reserve Crossroads Park on May 16, 2024, June 20, 2024, July 18, 2024, August 15, 2024, and September 19, 2024 from 6-8 p.m. She has submitted the rental agreement and COI for the event. Bethany motioned to approve the reservation. Kendra seconded. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Business:

- The 2024 Salary Waiver was presented for any Park Board Member that wishes to waive their 2024 Park Board Salary.
- Chad stated the current Seymour City Code 96.03 was emailed to the Park Board with changes made by Mayor Nicholson. He asked if any members had questions or concerns on the changes. Changes will be taken to City Attorney Chris Engleking for revision, then presented to the City Council.. Kendra made a motion to move forward with changing the code so it can be sent to the City Council. Tim seconded. Motion carried.
- Bethany said she would like for the Parks department to inquire about Seymour Youth League using our facilities free of charge. After a long discussion, it was decided Chad and Tracey will reach out to Kyle Coats, president of Seymour Youth League.

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

The next Parks Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 11, at 4 p.m.