

**La Porte Park and Recreation Department
Board Minutes
March 16, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by President Mitch Feikes, who also led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Also in attendance were Joe Ault, Karen Ellison, Denise Bealor, Jake Huelat, Nicole Messacar, Mark Schreiber, Kyle Cashmer, Brett Binversie, Pam Carroll, Karyl Feikes and Roberta Mumaw.

Recognitions

None

Minutes

The minutes from the previous month's meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Nicole Messacar, seconded by Karen Ellison.

Bills and Claims

The bills and claims in the amount of \$50,939.68 were unanimously approved on a motion by Jake Huelat, seconded by Joe Ault.

Public Comment

None

Sub Committee

None

Old Business

Mark Schreiber stated that with the declining COVID #'s none of the summer programs should be affected.

New Business

Todd Taylor with the City of La Porte Water Department stated that the results from the test wells that were done last year from the areas in Soldiers Memorial Park came back as favorable. The project is currently in the design phase and once that is done the Water Department will come back to the board with structure design for approval. Once the wells are in place there will be directional drilling that will get the pipe back to the water department on Lake Street. A motion to allow permanent wells to be constructed and any necessary infrastructure to be routed along the road right of way through the Park but not with any type of well house without Board approval was made by Nicole Messacar, seconded by Jake Huelat. The motion passed unanimously.

Mark Schreiber requested permission from the Board to establish a yearly fee of \$18 for members of the Senior Activity Center. The motion to approve an \$18 yearly fee was made by Karen Ellison, seconded by Denise Bealor. There is a grant request that has been submitted to the Healthcare Foundation to support the center. A discussion was held regarding the future development of the center. The motion was approved unanimously.

Brett Binversie requested permission charge the Collective Market that will be held on March 26 at the Civic Auditorium 10% of bar net sales to offset their rental fee. The motion was made by Nicole Messacar, seconded by Karen Ellison. Motion passed unanimously.

Pam Carroll requested Board approval for the following give back nights:

Wings Etc.:

April 27 -baseball

May 18 – girls' softball

June 16 – Tennis

July 20 – T-ball

Downtown Delights

June 8 – all youth sports

The motion to approve all give back nights was made by Denise Bealor, seconded by Joe Ault. Motion passed unanimously.

Mark Schreiber presented a final report on the downtown ice rink the revenue for the rink was \$35,803 with the expenses totaling \$40,261.69. The difference for the rink will be paid with ARP funds. The rink had over 900 skaters during the month, with lessons offered as well. All feedback we have received on the rink has been positive. Mark Schreiber wanted to thank the staff for the extra responsibilities that were taken on with the addition of the ice rink.

Mark Schreiber informed the board that the Park Foundation has committed \$5000 toward the Kayak rental unit that will be placed at Stone lake, and the percentage that the Department will receive will be 70% of proceeds and not the 30% that was originally stated. The Park Foundation has also committed \$16,000 towards work that will be done at the beach house. The facility will be repainted inside and out, new shelving will also be constructed and new outdoor showers. The Healthcare Foundation has given us a grant to install permanent concrete cornhole boards as well as concrete tabletop tennis.

Brett Binversie has had a change in his scheduling. The Midnight Rider band that was scheduled to play on April 1 has been moved to April 16. The next self-promoted event will consist of The Eliminator, which is a ZZ Top tribute band and Thunderstruck, an AC/DC tribute band on May 14. There will be food trucks and a cash bar. The concert on May 27 will be the Trippin' Billies which is a Dave Matthews tribute band.

Pam Carroll stated that the Nature Camp is now full.

Kyle Cashmer noted that Beechwood Golf Course is officially open for the season.

Mark Schreiber informed the Board that the kayak lockers are currently being fabricated and will hopefully installed in April.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Jake Huelat, seconded by Nicole Messacar.



Mitch Feikes, President



Roberta Mumaw, Secretary

Approved: 4-20-08