

**LA PORTE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 17, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by President Mitch Feikes who also led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Also attending were Nicole Messacar, Joseph Ault, Karen Ellison, Mark Schreiber, Pam Carroll, Brett Binversie, Karyl Feikes and Roberta Mumaw.

Recognitions

Mark Schreiber wanted to give recognition to Pam Carroll for her 40 years of service with the Park and Recreation Department. Pam started with the department as a part time concession worker and then started full time in July of 1982 and had previously worked as our office manager and moved to the Recreation Director position in October of 2015.

Minutes

The minutes from the previous months meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Nicole Messacar, seconded by Joe Ault.

Bills and Claims

The bills and claims in the amount of \$93435.46 were unanimously approved on a motion by Joe Ault, seconded by Karen Ellison.

Public Comment

None

Sub-Committee

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Nick Minich, City Engineer updated the Board on the ongoing trail projects. Drawings for the Clear Lake loop trail will be available to the Park Board prior to the next board meeting and approval will be requested for the project. Information on all trail projects can be found in the attached memo.

Mark Schreiber has been meeting with the La Porte Futbol Club (formerly La Porte Soccer Club) and is proposing a fee change for their usage of the soccer fields at Kesling Park. Mark is proposing for the fall of 2022 and spring of 2023 a flat fee of \$750 this would replace the \$200 per team fee currently charged. They have changed their formatting to academy style and not longer have a specific number of teams. The group paid \$1600 for field usage for their spring 2022 season. A motion was made by Karen Ellison, seconded by Joe Ault to charge LPFC \$750 for fall 2022 and \$750 for spring 2023 seasons. Mark Schreiber stated that he fees that are being charged will cover the costs of fertilizing and seeding. The motion passed unanimously.

Mark Schreiber requested approval from the Board for the following Park budget transfers:

- #111 (Salaries) to #221 (Operating Supplies) - \$5,000
- #361 (Repairs/Maintenance) to #221 (Operating Supplies) - \$5,000
- #123 (Unemployment) to #231 (Repairs/Maintenance Supplies) - \$2,500
- #111 (Salaries) to #241 (Other Supplies) - \$3,000

The motion to approve the Park budget transfers was unanimously approved on a motion by Nicole Messacar, seconded by Joe Ault.

Mark Schreiber also requested for Board approval for the following Beechwood Golf Course budget transfers:

- #241 (Other Supplies) to #221 (Operating Supplies) - \$10,000
- #241 (Other Supplies) to #315 (Professional Services) - \$4,000
- #361 (Repairs/Maintenance) to #391 (Other Services) - \$2,000

A motion to approve the Beechwood Golf Course budget transfers was unanimously approved on a motion by Karen Ellison, seconded by Joe Ault.

Board Member/Department Head Comments

Mark Schreiber reminded the board that the Board that the dedication for the kayak launch will be Sunday August 21 @ 1:00pm. The Northwest Indiana Paddling Association will be holding their annual meeting at noon at Cummings Lodge. The meeting is open to the public if anyone would like to attend.

Kyle Cashmer stated that the golf course is having a great season with revenue being up \$16,000 year to date. Mark Schreiber congratulated Kyle and his staff for all of their hard work on a successful season.

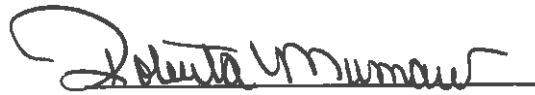
Mark Schreiber congratulated Pam Carroll and her recreation staff on an amazing summer. All events have seen an increase in participation including the summer playgrounds and daily beach attendance.

Brett Binversie stated that all downtown events have been successful along with several successful events at the Civic Auditorium.

Mark Schreiber thanked all involved with LakeFest which saw increased attendance at all events.



Mitch Feikes, President



Roberta Mumaw, Secretary

Approved: 9-21-22