La Porte Park and Recreation Board Meeting January 18, 2023

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, Pam Carroll, Brett Binversie, Kyle Cashmer, Karyl Feikes and Roberta Mumaw.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The motion made by Nicole Messacar, seconded by Karen Ellison to retain the current slate of officers was approved unanimously.

Mitch Feikes – President Nicole Messacar – Vice President Roberta Mumaw – Secretary

RECOGNITIONS

None

MINUTES

The minutes from the previous meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Denise Bealor, seconded by Karen Ellison.

BILLS AND CLAIMS

The bills and claims in the amount of \$119,696.81 were unanimously approved on a motion by Nicole Messacar, seconded by Joe Ault.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

There is currently nothing new to report regarding solicitation on park property.

NEW BUSINESS

Pam Carroll requested permission for the following youth sports fundraisers:

CULVER'S GIVE BACK NIGHTS

April 5 Maple City Travel Baseball

May 4 Slowpitch Softball

May 25 Boys Baseball

June 28 Tennis

June 29 Fastpitch Softball

July 6 Boys Junior Baseball

July 20 T-Ball

September 7 Minor & Major League Fall Baseball

September 21 Junior Boys Fall Baseball

DOMINO'S SLICE THE PRICE CARD

Each card cost is \$15 with a 50% profit. The program includes a custom online store for each group and traditional order forms. The Domino's team handles all of the organization and paperwork. Participants will have two weeks to sell. All information will be distributed at the upcoming rally days.

June 29 Tennis program hit-a-thon

The motion to allow the youth sports fundraisers was made by Nicole Messacar, seconded by Joe Ault. The motion passed unanimously.

Brett Binversie requested permission to allow 10% of net bar profits to offset the rental costs for the upcoming Inappropriate Trivia night at the Civic Auditorium.

The motion to allow the 10% offset was made by Jake Huelat, seconded by Karen Ellison passed unanimously.

Pam Carroll requested permission to allow horses in the park for the horse drawn wagon rides during WinterFest on January 29 from 12:30pm-4:00pm. The request was unanimously approved on a motion by Jake Huelat, seconded by Denise Bealor.

Kyle Cashmer requested permission to attend the spring PGA meeting in February. The cost is \$125 registration and hotel is \$120 per night. The meeting will be held in Muncie. The motion to allow Kyle Cashmer to attend the PGA meeting was unanimously approved on a motion by Jake Huelat, seconded by Karen Ellison.

Mark Schreiber requested permission to send out an RFP to solicit for someone to operate the concessions within the Parks with them paying the Department 10% of net profits. Last year left us unable to hire a supervisor which put an additional workload on our current staff. The motion to allow an RFP to be sent for operation of the concessions within the Parks was made by Nicole Messacar, seconded by Joe Ault. Mark Schreiber stated this would be a vendor that would operate all concessions that would include Kesling, Lions, and Ron Reed with the potential to have them at other locations as well. This would not include the Stone Lake Beach concessions. The motion was approved unanimously.

BOARD MEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Mark Schreiber informed the Board that Susan Wireman has been hired as the Assistant Director and will be starting February 13.

Mitch Feikes stated that the Hawk Signal on Pine Lake Avenue has been hit and is not working. Mark Schreiber will follow up to see who is responsible for the repairs.

Mark Schreiber stated that the NIBC Basketball tournament was a great event, with the Civic staff doing a great job as well as the CVB assisting and being a great partner.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Jake Heulat, seconded by Denise Bealor.

Mitch Feikes, President

Roberta Mumaw, Secretary

Approved: 1-15-23