

**La Porte Park and Recreation  
Board Meeting Minutes  
August 16, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by President Mitch Felkes, who also led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Also, in attendance was Joe Ault, Karen Ellison, Denise Bealor, Jake Heulat, Mark Schreiber, Kyle Cashmere, Karyl Felkes and Roberta Mumaw

**RECOGNITIONS**

None

**MINUTES**

The previous month's minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by Karen Ellison, seconded by Denise Bealor.

**BILLS AND CLAIMS**

The bills and claims in the amount of \$129,362.30 were unanimously approved in a motion by Joe Ault, seconded by Jake Heulat.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mark Schreiber updated the board on the progress with the new lodge. We are currently working with Baker/Tilly on a financial analysis for potential income. Once that information is received, we can plan additional funding and move forward with the project.

Mark Schreiber is currently getting quotes for the Kesling ball diamond project which will work in conjunction with the Stone Lake Lodge project. There is some Healthcare Foundation grant money that could potentially start the project.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mark Schreiber updated the Board on the progress with the trail project. The clear lake trail and the connector being built from Clear Lake Blvd to Hoelocker by the new boardwalk. These will begin when phase 2 begins within the next couple of weeks. The Clear Lake trail is near completion except for the plaza that will be in front of the amphitheater and the boardwalk that will be constructed across the western tip of the lake. The lighting will be installed later this month once the fixtures come in.

Chessie Two (extension from Newport Landing) that travels down Tyler and First Street is near completion with a possible dedication in September.

Chessie Three which would from Eastshore Parkway north working towards Michigan City is currently being worked on. Currently working with a consultant for funding.

The construction on the Stone Lake trail has been approved by the Board of Works to be sent out for bid with hopeful completion Spring 2024. The park of the project that goes Craven to Orchard will include the paving of the parking lot for the mountain bike trail. There will also be a restroom constructed that would be a joint project with the water department since they will need a generator when their wells are installed.

**Board member/Department Head comments**

Mark Schreiber is currently in the process of reviewing the information that was handed out at last month's meeting regarding the security cameras for the parks.

Mark Schreiber complimented Kyle Cashmere as well as Jace Peterson on the condition of Beechwood Golf Course. The course is experiencing a great season with revenue being up from 2022.

Mark Schreiber stated that Lakefest was successful with great numbers, with all of the financials begin covered from sponsorships and revenue generated. He also thanked the committee for their hard work and efforts.

Mark Schreiber reminded the board that there will be an open house at the Activity Center for Older Adults from 4pm-6pm on Monday August 21. Meals on Wheels has also started distributing their meals from this location and are also offering them to our members of the center.

Karen Ellison complimented Mark Schreiber for all the extra work he put in for Lakefest.

The new seats at the Civic Auditorium as well as the railings are near completion with the HVAC work continuing. This is expected to be complete by late fall. The re-dedication concert will be Loverboy on September 22. Other upcoming concerts will be Gary Levoux in October as well as Slippery When Wet (Bon Jovi Tribute), Rumours (Fleetwood Mac tribute band) November 18, E5C4P3 (Journey Tribute band) December 29. The NIBC tournament will also return in January.

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



Mitch Feikes, President



Roberta Mumaw, Secretary

Approved: 9.20.23