

**LA PORTE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
BOARD MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 13, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by President Mithc Feikes, who also led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Also in attendance were Joe Ault, Karen Ellison, Denise Bealor, Mark Schreiber, Pam Carroll, Brett Binversie, Kyle Cashmer, Karyl Feikes 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 \$100,332.99 were unanimously approved on a motion by Denise Bealor, seconded by Joe Ault.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**Sub-Committee Reports**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mark Schreiber updated the Board on the progress of the additional lodge facility. Mark is currently looking into the option of a build operate transfer model. This would allow us to design, get funded and constructed. This will also help with the funding mechanism. Mr. Bauers will be providing the lead gift and with this being a rental facility there will be revenue generated. The concept of this option is we select a contractor, the facility is built and over time the facility is paid for. The park Department will handle all bookings for the facility. Another revenue potential would be the sale of alcohol. Mark will continue to work with the Clerk Treasurer on this as well as Baker Tilley.

Mark Schreiber gave the board the estimated cost of the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the Kesling ball diamond expansion that will be the construction of 2 diamonds. The estimated costs are \$139,000 for field work, \$123,000 for fencing for a total of \$262,000. The dugouts would be constructed in-house, we will be hoping to have this completed with donated material and labor. This would include pouring of the pads as well. Scoreboards would be relocated from Lions field. Other costs such as bleachers are expected. The other main costs would be concrete if there was a sidewalk created to the diamonds as well as additional parking. There is \$99,000 left over in healthcare grant monies that would be put towards this project. The other funding could come from fundraising like what was done for the tennis court renovations.

David Heinold was present to give the board and update on the Trails, Greenways and Blueways Plan. The plan was approved by the City Council and will need to be accepted by the Park Board as well. The complete plan was previously emailed to the Board. The main purpose of the plan is to create destinations and keep these areas connected to business and neighborhoods. Soldiers Memorial Park is a popular destination and is a tremendous asset.

Mitch Feikes stressed the need for a plan for continued maintenance on all existing trails. Mark Schreiber has stated that the park department is responsible for the clearing of all trails and that a new tool cat has been purchased to assist with this. This equipment was purchased with monies from the HFL maintenance fund. The motion to adopt the Trails, Greenways and Blueways Plan was approved unanimously on a motion by Denise Bealor, seconded by Karen Ellison.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mark Schreiber introduced the Beechwood Golf Course master plan. This will not require immediate action. Public meetings will be held December 4 6:00pm at Beechwood Golf Course, and Wednesday December 6 at Noon at the Park Office. There are some opportunities coming up that could possibly help fund the improvements. Kyle Cashmer explained the potential improvements on the course. A copy of the improvements will be included in the minutes. Phase 1 would be to construct 3 new holes, 1-3, then the current back 9 would turn into the front 9, turning off of 9, current 4, 5, 6 would become 10, 11, 12, come off of that to 13, 14, 15 (three new holes), brings you back to 16, 17, 18. Phase 2 would create a driving/practice range.(current 1, 2 & 3) These improvements could potentially be funded through the development of the Luck property.

Kyle Cashmer requested the following fee increases for the course:

	2024 Proposed	
	Green Fee	Green Fee
	Walking	W/ Cart
Weekend	\$ 38	\$ 54
Weekend Twilight	\$ 25	\$ 41
Weekend 9 Hole	\$ 24	\$ 32
Weekend 9 Hole Twilight	\$ 20	\$ 28
Weekday	\$ 28	\$ 44
Weekday Senior	\$ 20	\$ 35
Weekday Junior	\$ 10	\$ 25
Weekday Twilight (After 2pm)	\$ 20	\$ 35
City Employee 18 Hole	\$ 15	\$ 25
City Employee 9 Hole	\$ 10	\$ 18
Weekday 9 Hole	\$ 17	\$ 25
Wednesday Special		\$ 30
<b>MEMBERSHIPS</b>		
<b>Greens Fee Only Memberships 7 Days a Week</b>		
Single Membership		\$ 900
Associate Membership Age 45 and under		\$ 750
Family Membership		\$ 1,300
each dependent 18 and under		\$ 150
Full Time City Employees		\$ 550
<b>Greens Fee Only Limited (Weekdays after 12:00)</b>		
Senior Membership		\$ 700
Junior Membership		\$ 250
College Student (up to age 25)		\$ 350
<b>All Inclusive Memberships</b>		
All Inclusive Membership		\$ 1,850
New Member All Inclusive		\$ 1,850
Family All Inclusive		\$ 2,300
Dependent All Inclusive		\$ 250
Carts (Per Person)		\$15
Carts (Per Person 9 Hole)		\$8
Cart Pass 30 Rounds		\$400
Pavilion Fee		\$200
Locker Fee		\$80
<b>Outings</b>		
Monday-Friday		\$ 40.00
Saturday-Sunday		\$ 44.00
<b>Leads</b>		
9 Hole	\$ 14	\$ 22
18 Hole	\$ 14	\$ 27

The motion to increase the Beechwood fees was unanimously approved on a motion by Karen Ellison, seconded by Joe Ault.

Mark Schreiber is requesting permission from the board to send out RFP's for the concession operations at Stone Lake beach house and Kesling Park ball fields. Alexa Kostka who has been running the beach house concessions will no longer be operating that facility. The motion to send out a request for proposal for both Kesling concessions and Stone Lake beach house was unanimously approved on a motion by Denise Bealor, seconded by Joe Ault.

Brett Binversie is requesting permission from the board to purchase and install heaters for the vestibule heaters. The cost is approximately \$11,500. The main lobby will continue to be heated by the old radiator heat. Circle R has provided a quote of \$11,500 to install 12 split electric heating units. The motion to purchase vestibule heating was made by Karen Ellison, seconded by Joe Ault. The funds will be coming from Civic Non-Reverting. The motion passed unanimously.

**Board/Department Comments**

Pam Carroll stated that The Senior Expo was held with approximately 250 attending. The expo in 2024 will be held at the Civic Auditorium.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Denise Bealor, seconded by Karen Ellison.



Mitch Feikes, President



Roberta Mumaw, Secretary

Approved: 12-20-23