

PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 1, 2015

7:00 P.M.

Location: New Haven Council Chambers

Present: Mike Clendenen, Tom Fisher, Tonya Faupel, Hannah Kampenga, Anna Gurney, Mike Marhenke, Leon Davis, Aquatics Director, Kim Yoh, Superintendent, Mike Clendenen, Nature Center Director, Heather Baker, Nature Center Intern, Erica Weeks

1. Mike Marhenke called the June 1st, 2015 Park Board meeting to order at 7:00pm.
 - Please Silence Cell Phones, Pagers, and Electronic Devices
 - Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of Minutes
 - Tonya Faupel 1st
 - Tom Fisher 2nd
 - Motion carried
3. Approval of Claims
 - Tom 1st, Leon Davis 2nd
 - Sup. Clendenen explained a few claims
 - Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Werling Park Master Plan
 - At the May Park Board meeting, Sup. Clendenen presented a master plan for Werling Park. The intention is to adopt a plan in order to pursue fundraising for a capital project for the park. The master plan incorporates a pavilion, playground, parking lot, and a community center with meeting and fitness rooms and a gym. With a master plan in place, the parks can then market the plan and generate public interest. From there then begin pursuing corporate donations as well as private funding in order to bring the project to fruition. Discussion followed. Mike Marhenke recommended that we table the discussion until after the November election so that there is a clearer idea of what East Allen County Schools. Discussion tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Learning Tree Grant
 - a. Erica Weeks and Heather Baker presented a Learning Tree grant to be used at the Nature Center. This will allow funding for purchasing and building recreational items for an outdoor classroom.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Overview of Jury pool opening weekend and week.
- Discussed the new four-visit Jury punch cards.
- Mentioned this week is the start of Canal Days, and the opening of Schnelker restrooms.

OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Resolutions from Veterans Memorial Ride for Schnelker
- Resolutions from Thrivent Financial for May carry-in.

RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Anna Gurney discussed upcoming events such as: the senior picnic in Schnelker, Canal Days parade and Kids' Day sponsored by Lutheran, national trails day, Nature center open house, summer lunch program, playground program, and the Farmer's Market.
- Discussed the USGS interest in studying riparian zones at Deetz Nature Preserve, and the existence of feral pigs.

AQUATIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Pool opening went smoothly. The pool is clean and the staff is working well together.

And any other items that may come before the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.