

Present: Leon Davis, Teresa Hatten, Irvin Arnold, Mike Marhenke, Doug Runyan, Mike Clendenen, Kim Yoh, Courtney Tracey, Andrew Laughlin, Dan Erns, Craig Dellinger, Charlie Hatten, Andy Hammer, Nancy Parker, Candace Lauber, Linda Koithahn, Joe Kline, Ed Helling, John Gross, Mara Pfeffer, Collen Simons, Laura Claypool, Kathy Calon, Tom Steiner
Absent: Tonya Faupel and Anna Gurney

PARK BOARD MEETING

Minutes

Monday, October 2, 2017

6:00 P.M.

Location: **New Haven Community Center**

1. Call to Order
 - A. Please Silence Cell Phones, Pagers, and Electronic Devices
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of Minutes

Leon Davis motioned to approve the minutes from September 5, 2017.
Teresa Hatten seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Claims

Teresa Hatten motioned to approve the following vouchers

 - a. Invoices totaling \$34,028.71
 - b. Utilities totaling \$2,587.99
 - c. Payroll totaling \$47,392.97
 - d. Taxes totaling \$714.93
 - e. For a grand total of all vouchers being \$84,724.60

Leon Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. Approval of Community Center Bond Claims
 - a. Mike Clendenen presented the final bond claim which is from Fritch Construction.
 - i. Leon Davis motioned to approve the claim from Fritch Construction for \$5,987.78.
 - ii. Teresa Hatten second the motion. Motion carried.
5. 5 Year Master Plan Public Input
 - a. Mike Clendenen introduced all of the board members and explained the process of the 5 year master plan.
 - b. Dan Ernst with Earth First who we are partnering with explains why the 5 year master plan is necessary.
 - c. Mike Clendenen explained the progress of all of our properties since the last 5 year plan was made.
 - d. Mike Clendenen went through the responses from the public survey.
 - e. Tom Steiner from 532 Broadway Street asked if dogs could be let off their leash in our parks and also mentioned suggestions about the Community Center.
 - f. Charlie Hatten from the Chamber of Commerce would like the area by the river be utilized more, Havenhurst Park be turned more into a complex and Moser Park turned into a dog park, and the bandshell in Schnelker Park to be utilized more. Charlie Hatten

- explained how people in the community do not understand the funding for the Parks and Recreation Department.
- g. Alison Adams from Rose Avenue suggested adding more trails in different in distances. She also would love to have a dog park.
 - h. Joe Kline from Cedar Valley Drive voiced his concerns about potentially moving all of the baseball/softball fields to Havenhurst.
 - i. Andy Hammer from 1621 Presidential Drive stated he would love the Community Center to get a splash pad. He also stated he had major concerns if we would like to add an addition entry to Jury Park. His last suggestion is to add more pickle ball courts in our parks and facilities.
 - j. Beth Mahn from 1007 Bell Avenue also stated she would love to have an indoor option to playing pickle ball during the winter months.
 - k. Linda Koithahn from Pawnee Way would love to have locker rooms available in the Community Center.
 - l. Candace Lauber from Sussex Drive stated the need for a splashpad in Meadowbrook.
 - m. Nancy Parker from Fritch Avenue questioned why the city controlled the Parks and Recreations spending.
 - n. Sharon Smith from Royalton Drive voiced her concerns about the lack of use of the splashpad behind the Community Center. She would also love to have a dog park in one of our parks.
 - o. Colleen Simons from Orkney stated we need more signage in our trails and she also loves the New Haven farmers market.
 - p. Dan Ernst with Earth First wrote down all the suggestions and handed out stickers for the public at the meeting to place on the suggestions to visualize the suggestions most needed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Train Depot Discussion

- a. Doug Runyan explained the legal issues with the Train Depot.
- b. Irvin Arnold explained that using the Train Depot as the Nature Center would be a great change to the park. Leon Davis questioned the amount of money that would have to go into keeping the Train Depot maintained.
 - i. Irvin Arnold motioned to accept to take ownership from the city for 5 years and revisit it after that.
 - ii. Teresa Hatten seconds the motion. Motion carried.

2. Haskamp Property Auction Proposals

- a. Mike Clendenen presented auction proposals from Weigmann Auctineers: 5% of sale price, marketing fee waived if sold, Schrader Auction: 5% sale price plus half marketing fee if sold and AAA Auction: 5% first \$150,000 sale price, 4% balance plus marketing fee. Superintendent Clendenen stated the auction will take place on November 20, 2017.
 - i. Teresa Hatten motions we approve Wiegmann Auction's proposal.
 - ii. Irvin Arnold seconds the motion. Motion carried.

3. Prospect Avenue Right-of-Way Discussion

- a. Doug Runyan explained the plans East Allen County Schools has for Prospect Avenue.
 - i. Teresa Hatten motioned the board is in agreement with the easement with EACS and give Mike Clendenen the right to talk to City council for the board.
 - ii. Irvin Arnold seconds the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. No new business.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

1. Mike Clendenen explained the refinancing of the Jury Park bond. He also invited all the board members to the IPRA meeting this month.

OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Courtney Tracey explained a resolution for \$40.00 from a home school group to go towards the Nature Center.
 - a. Irvin Arnold motioned to approve the resolution.
 - b. Teresa Hatten seconds the motion. Motion carried.

MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1. Andrew Laughlin presented quotes to fill in the house foundation at the Werling property.
2. Fritchas- \$9,852.50 and Martins Enterprises- \$12,250.
 - a. Leon Davis motioned to approve the bid from Fritcha for \$9,852.50 to come out of fund 24.
 - b. Teresa Hatten seconds the motion. Motion carried.
3. Andrew Laughlin explained pricing to repairs that need to be done at Jury Pool.
 - a. The board questioned the product and would like Andy to get some references on the proposed product.

AQUATIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1. Kim Yoh explained the Havenhurst concessions went really well for the fall softball tournaments.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 8:30pm.