

April 4, 2018

President Wahlig called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Attending was President Wahlig and Board Members Poor and Adams. Absent was Vice President Selman and member Carpenter. Also attending was Superintendent Matt Hanna, Event Coordinator Onofrietti and Bill Maddock from Shape Up Steuben.

The minutes of the March 7, 2018 meeting were approved with a motion from member Poor and a second by President Wahlig pending corrections. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Easter- Onofrietti said that due to the forecasted weather the event was moved into the office. The Easter Bunny was present for pictures, refreshments were provided and Easter Bags full of candy were handed out. Onofrietti was impressed with a turnout of around 200 kids. President Wahlig congratulated the staff and commended their efforts to provide something even with bad weather. Hanna stated that they kept the prizes for next year's hunt and donated leftover refreshments to the Fairview Church Daycare.

Hornbacher Property- Supt. Hanna said that the bottom of the Hornbacher property has a current survey for it, but the Redding Rd. parcel does not. Hanna consulted the City Engineering staff for advice and has hired Rowland and Associates to provide a description of the land so that appraisals could be ordered. Hanna said Rowland and Associates is performing the work for \$600. Hanna wanted to let the Board know that things are still moving.

NEW BUSINESS

Disc Golf (Shape Up Steuben)- Bill Maddock of Shape Up Steuben gave the Board a little background on the organization and brought up the idea of Shape Up Steuben raising funds for a Disc Golf Course in Commons Park. Maddock showed two Power Point presentations with background on the sport and what is needed to build a course. Maddock planned on getting local businesses to sponsor holes to help pay for the Tee Pads, Goals and Signage. He suggested hiring a consultant to help with the design of the course. The Board asked what would be needed of the Parks besides the property. Maddock said the installation, mowing and what little maintenance to the goals, pads and signs there is. The Board thanked Mr. Maddock for coming to the Board and told him that they would discuss this at the next meeting when all the Board was present. They asked if he had a specific timeline, he replied that he did not. This was tabled for the May Park Board meeting.

Tree Memorial Dedication- Events Coordinator Onofrietti said that everything is set to go and at least 20 new Memorials will be included in this years Dedication. President Wahlig said she would be there to help. Member Adams said she would be out of town but thought Member Selman would most likely be there.

OTHER BUSINESS

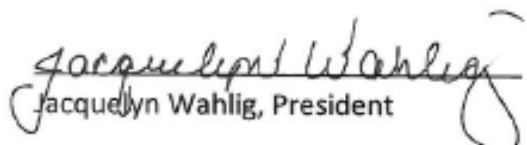
IIOF Building- Supt. Hanna said that the Mayor had approached him at the Easter event, wondering if the Board was still interested in the Odd Fellows (IIOF) building. Hanna told him that all the Board members have always been for the idea of some day purchasing that building. The Mayor informed him that he was approached by Tom Spidel wondering if the City wanted to buy. Hanna plans to meet with Clerk Treasurer Deb Twitchell and Mayor Hickman to figure out a way to finance the building. Hanna thought it would appraise anywhere from \$250k-\$300k. Discussion was had on possibilities for the building. Hanna told the Board that he would update them on anything he finds out.


Benches- President Wahlig asked about the park benches by the Tree Memorial and down the trail, wondering why they were all raised up. Hanna said the anchors are not below the frost line and the freeze and thaw of the ground causes this. Hanna said they have been thinking about installing the galvanized bench kits so this wouldn't happen. President Wahlig asked if the benches around the Tree Memorial area could be fixed before the Dedication. Hanna said they would clean up the entire area and take care of those benches.

Flowers- President Wahlig asked if she had brought the Cosmo seeds to the Park yet. Hanna said he wasn't aware of any. She agreed to bring them in so that they could be planted instead of sunflowers. Member Adams asked if sunflowers would be planted too. Hanna said the deer have eaten them every year for the last three years. President Wahlig added that Cosmos were deer resistant.

Painting in the Park- Onofrietti said that the Painting in the Park, set for July, is now booked with 40 participants. She invited the Board members to participate or just attend. She has a list of people who didn't get a spot that would be interested in the future. She said she may work on planning another.

No further business, meeting adjourns at 11:25 AM.


Jacquelyn Wahlig, President


Matt Hanna, Secretary