
March 4, 2020

President Wahlig called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Attending were President Wahlig, Board Members Adams and Poor. Absent was Vice President Selman and Member Carpenter. Also attending was Superintendent Matt Hanna, Event Coordinator Nina Burlingame and YMCA Director Sarah Funkhouser.

The minutes of the February 5, 2020 meeting were approved with a motion by Member Poor and a second by Member Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

YMCA Partnership- Sarah Funkhouser explained to the Park Board the vision the YMCA has for the space that was donated in front of their facility. This would include a splash pad, inclusive playground, bike rental and exercise space. Sarah showed the Board an interactive design of the space. Sarah provided the Board with their preliminary budget and discussed several of the features in more detail. Sarah discussed the different systems and the maintenance involved. Initial cost often determines the amount of regular maintenance that is required. Hanna discussed some of the pros and cons of the different systems and some of his findings from talking with Fort Wayne Parks & Recreation and Indy Parks. Hanna stated that if this partnership moves forward, the type of system can be discussed further. Sarah explained that the YMCA would serve the role of fundraiser and project facilitator and the Parks would help in the design and maintenance once completed. President Wahlig expressed some concern over who would have control over the property. Hanna explained that for the Parks to spend taxpayer's money to maintain this, they would need to own or lease the property in his opinion. Most discussions have led back to a long-term lease to the Angola Parks & Recreation for little to no money. President Wahlig stated that the main concern is having enough money to maintain the facility. Sarah said they have discussed opening an endowment for continued maintenance. President Wahlig asked Hanna what the next step is moving forward. Hanna stated that the YMCA still plans to meet with City Council to determine financially what the City can do for this project. Hanna said the Park Board's next step would be to determine if we want a splash pad and park located in this location and can we afford to maintain it. Hanna felt this location and type of park being built is in line with the Master Plans and goals of the Park Board. President Wahlig told Sarah that the Board is very interested but will need more information on maintenance costs before we can commit to anything. Sarah said she is waiting on a response from the splashpad designer on costs associated with two different systems that they have installed nearby. She also has a meeting scheduled with the Dekalb County YMCA who also has a splash pad. The Board thanked Sarah for presenting to them and with the possible opportunity to partner on this project.

Event Sponsorships- Event Coordinator Burlingame reported to the Board that she had secured a \$500 sponsorship from Farmers State Bank for each Hubie Concert. They will be the sole sponsor of these concerts this summer. Nina also reported that she has collected \$7500 in sponsorships for the 4th of July, including a \$2500 event sponsorship from Cameron Memorial Community Hospital. We are already ahead of where we were last year and have another four potential sponsors to give us an answer yet.

Mayor's Youth Council Rain Garden- Supt. Hanna handed out a rough draft layout of the proposed rain garden along with a letter from the Mayor's Youth Council on what this project will accomplish. Hanna said that the City Engineer will still need to assess the area to determine the size and depth of the rain garden but will go in the area north of the Selman Timber Frame that currently holds storm water. The Mayor's Youth Council plans to do some fundraisers to pay for the project. Hanna said the design proposed is replicating the monument. A tree in the center would represent the statue in the center and the plants around it would make up the rest of the garden. The Board discussed the maintenance and establishment of the garden. Member Adams made a motion to approve the Mayor's Youth Council Rain Garden, member Poor seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Spring Events (Easter, Arbor Day)- Event Coordinator Burlingame reported that the Easter event is April 11th. Any Board members that want to help can arrive around 10:45am, should be done by 12:15. The normal volunteer groups have been lined up to help.

Superintendent Hanna reported that they are working with Paul Beckwith on the planting day for the Tree-Giveaway. There was some confusion on when Arbor Day was, but it has been worked out. The School has ISTEP testing and we are trying to work the planting around that. Nina reported that we have quite a few trees left to give away.

Superintendent Hanna also reported that he has put Angola's name in for a grant, through the Saint Joseph River Basin Commission. Angola was selected as one of three Indiana communities to participate in this. The grant will pay for a tree canopy assessment and the planting of 50 trees in areas that will benefit storm water runoff. Hanna also reported that the Rotary Club is donating and planting 100 trees along the Commons Park Trail, in celebration of their 100th anniversary. Hanna said he is working with them on this project.

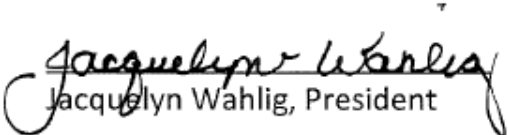
Event Coordinator Burlingame state the Tree Memorial Dedication will be on April 24th at the Selman Timber Frame with Commons Hall being the backup location. The Mayor is lined up to speak and it starts at 1:00pm. There are 14 memorials so far.

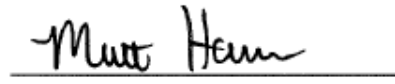
Pavilion Fees- Supt. Hanna asked the Board if the intent of the Government Entity rate was for government employees or government groups wanting to rent one of our facility. The Board confirmed that it was not intended for government employees but was for government groups. Hanna said they had been questioned by some City employees but were sure this was not the intent and wanted to clarify that.

OTHER BUSINESS

Special Olympics Walk/Run- President Wahlig informed the Board that she was contacted by a representative of the Special Olympics, wanting to organize the run again this year. The Board agreed to again allow this to take place at the Selman Timber Frame.

No further business, meeting adjourns at 11:31 AM.


Jacquelyn Wahlig, President


Matt Hanna, Secretary