January 6, 2021

President Wahlig called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Attending via teleconference were President Wahlig, Vice President Selman Member Adams and Member Poor. Also attending was Event Coordinator Nina Burlingame, Superintendent Hanna, and Colleen Everage with the Downtown Angola Coalition.

The minutes of the October 7, 2020 meeting were approved with a motion by Member Carpenter and second by Vice President Selman. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Commons Hall Update- Supt. Hanna reported that the City no longer plans to use the facility as their primary public meeting spot but a backup. Hanna said some of the improvements included the parking lot, front patio and railing, new front doors, and two of the four sides have been resided. Hanna said the other two sides would be completed in the spring.

NEW BUSINESS

Arts Festival- Colleen Everage from the Downtown Angola Coalition gave some background on the Arts Festival and some of the concerns with expanding in the downtown area. She said for safety reasons and more room, they would like to partner with the Parks & Recreation Department to host some of it in the park on August 7, 2021. President Wahlig asked what they would need from our staff. Everage stated that they would have optimistically 50 vendors which some would need electric. They would have all the volunteers for trash and restrooms. They would like to use the space and have help with advertising but that would be the extent of the Parks involvement. The Board discussed followed by a Motion to allow the Arts Festival to use the park by Member Adams, Member Poor seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Dennis Springer- Event Coordinator Burlingame stated that they are still on hold and not sure if they are going to use Commons Hall or not. She is still waiting to hear an update from him. President Wahlig said she had talked with Kathy Armstrong and was informed that they were looking for a different place to hold it. President Wahlig said that it sounds like no action needs to be taken by the Park, but they may be hosting it at a different location.

2021- Nina reported that the schedule of events is complete, and she would forward that to the Board for their review. Supt. Hanna stated that he asked Nina to plan 2021 as if it were going to happen and then look for ways to adjust those events, if COVID-19 does not allow them to take place. Hanna said he did not want a repeat of 2020 but understands that it needs to happen in a safe manner. He feels with guidance from the COVID Taskforce and Board, we can have a successful year. President Wahlig stated that she felt the staff did a remarkable job in 2020, despite the cancellations.

Appointments- Supt. Hanna stated that it was that time of year to elect the Board officers. Vice President Selman voted to retain President Wahlig as President. All were in favor. Member Poor voted to retain Vice President Selman as Vice President. All were in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

Other- Supt. Hanna said that the Year End Report was near completion. He would send the Board a copy once complete for them to review.

No further business, meeting adjourns at 10:42 AM.

Jacquelyn Wahlig, President

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