## April 20th, 2023

President Wahlig called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Attending were President Wahlig, Vice President Selman, Members Poor, and Adams. Absent, member Carpenter. Also attending Superintendent Hanna, Asst, Superintendent Bobby Allshouse and Event Coordinator Tabitha Griva.

The minutes of the January 4th, 2023, meeting was approved with a motion by Vice President Selman and seconded by President Wahlig. All were in favor.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Easter-Event Coordinator Tabitha Griva stated the Easter event went very well and we had a great crowd considering all the other events going on that day. Griva mentioned to the board that we've talked about changing the age categories for next year with having some upset parents in the 0-2 area this year. The area is very small, some kids are crawlers and with the parents going in with the children doesn't help. Supt. Hanna mentioned getting more eggs for next year for some kids that did not get eggs. Griva also mentioned 3 lucky kids went home with a new bike. And next year we will be making the "Grand Prize" egg the same as the other eggs.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Opening Bids for New Addition- Supt. Hanna explained that we had to go out a rebid the project as D and L would not sign the City contract, not agreeing to some wording in the contract. Supt. Hanna stated he sent it out to three contractors and received two back. Supt. Hanna informed that the first bid was from Wagler and Associates with a cost of \$83,507.99. The second bid was from Piatek Construction with the cost of \$63,677.00. Member Adams makes a motion to award to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Vice President Selman seconds the motion. All in favor.

Circus- Events Coordinator Griva stated Lewis and Clark circus reached out to her wanting to come to our parks. This circus is all live entertainment, no animals. Griva mentioned the only thing they request from us is the space to hold the circus and access to water. They do all the set up and tear down. Griva mentioned they would like to come to our parks at the end of July, they will already be in the area. Member Poor asked if it would be a one-day show. Griva answered that it would be a two-day show with a 5pm and 7:30pm performance. Hanna mentioned to the board that the circus does charge for tickets but will give back a percentage to the park. Vice President Selman asked if they gave information on some places they have been in the past. Griva responded she did receive a list of references. President Wahlig asked what do the charge for tickets. Griva responded that the advance tickets, adults \$15.00 1 Child Free \$5 additional child, day of circus adult \$25.00 1 child free and \$10.00 additional child. Superintendent Hanna mentioned he thought this would be great for the community being something new and different and we would receive 20 percent back in sales. Griva reported the available dates being 25,26,27,28,29,30<sup>th</sup>. President Selman suggested the date of July 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> so we did not interfere with Steuben County 4H. President Wahlig asked if all was in favor in hosting this event in the park. All in favor.

Inflatables in the Park- Events Coordinator Griva mentioned to the board that someone here locally had reached out her wanting to set up their inflatable business at our events. Griva mentioned she asked how they were wanting to charge each child or a flat rate from us, to let this be free to the kids. President Wahlig stated she doesn't see any other way than us paying them a flat rate so kids can all jump for free. Vice President said she would be for having them if it would be paid out of the park budget as well. Supt. Hanna suggested finding out what they would charge and going from there.

Tree Memorial- Griva reported there was a total of 23 honorees this year and everything was ready to go. The mayor is scheduled to speak, booklets and program guides will be passed out to the guests as they were last year. Griva asked the board if they had any suggestions on refreshments. Vice Present Selman asked if we could have coffee. Vice President asked when a decision would be made to have the ceremony indoors due to weather. Supt. Hanna stated we will make that decision the day of the event. Hanna reported they will have all the leaves up next

week as well. Supt. Hanna mentioned if anyone planned on attending the program it will begin at one. Supt. Hanna explained to the board that there were only seven empty leaves and wanted to make sure everyone was aware and to really start thinking about what we are going to plan to do for the future. Supt. Hanna explained he did find the information on the original plan as well and we can start there as well. Supt. Hanna suggested to the board we finish our seven honorees do some adjusting with the tree for this last year, and that will give us time for coming up with a new idea for the following year. Hanna mentioned it could be turned into an Angola Community Memorial rather than a Tree Memorial, something where it can still be its own program still.

## OTHER BUSINESS-

American History Festival- Supt. Hanna reported Tom Frederick had reached out to him wanting to have a war era helicopter at the American History Festival. The cost of the helicopter was \$8,000.00. Supt. Hanna mentioned he told Tom Fredrick there would be a lot to go with that but would ask the board. Member Adams motion not to let the helicopter in the park. President Selman seconds the motion. All in favor.

No further business, Meeting adjourns 11:18 am.

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