

Wednesday, June 5th, 2024

President Wahlig called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Attending was President Wahlig, Vice President Selman, and members Adams, Carpenter and Poor. Also attending was Event Coordinator Tabitha Griva and Superintendent Matt Hanna.

The minutes of the May 1st, 2024, meeting were approved with a motion by member Carpenter and seconded by Vice President Selman. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Trail Safety Day- Griva stated that this took place this past Saturday with the Steuben County Trails group and was poorly attended. Griva spoke with a couple representatives of the Trails Group on different ways to draw people to the event. Hanna suggested hosting this alongside another event where there is a better crowd, possibly the Young Child Family Fair.

Firefly Tour- Griva stated that the event went great and was excited about the attendance. Vice President Selman said she felt as though they should have been welcomed and thanked by a city representative, like what the mayor does for concerts. Vice President Selman did say the performance was fabulous and her and member Adams enjoyed the show. Member Adams asked about handicap parking. There was discussion about providing more handicap parking in the future.

Summer Recreation Program- Griva stated that the program started this past Monday with a little over seventy kids participating. There were representatives from both Trine and AHS basketball there to assist during this basketball week. There are two new employees for the program and they both seem to be catching on quickly. Supt. Hanna reported that JDAI had reached out regarding providing financial support in the form of professional services for the program. Hanna stated that they were approved for around \$2500 worth of field trips, bus drivers and bounce houses for the Summer Recreation Program. This is the same organization that purchased equipment for the program in 2023. Griva also received around \$200 in T-Shirts sales and donations from parents of the program.

NEW BUSINESS

Pig Out in the Park- Hanna stated that with Mister Meatz doing the cooking, there is very little prep work to be done by staff. Hanna said Griva would be set up with park information and a give-away basket which contained a ton of donated items. Hanna said he had a conflicting meeting at 11:00am, regarding the Sheets Family Park, which he felt he should attend. He would do his best to be back in time for the second half of Pig Out in the Park. Hanna felt 10:30am arrival should be plenty early for Board Members wanting to help.

Hubie Concert- Griva stated that the concert is also this Friday. Food starts at 6pm with music from 7-9pm. She said along with Hubie, the North Wayne Cruise-in will have classic cars on site. Inflatables will also be available. President Wahlig asked if Shigs will have two concessions to help with the lines. Griva said they plan on two lines but were unable to have staffing for two tents.

4th of July- Hanna said they are all set for the 4th of July. Tabitha has had the bands booked for a while now. Community Service request has been submitted, Entertainment Permit application has been turned in, and vendor applications are coming in as well.

OTHER BUSINESS

Circus- Griva said another Circus has reached out to her, like what was done last year, just a different company. There was discussion on last year's event and looking into other communities that have had this circus company. Then Griva stated that they wanted to do two shows on August 22nd, which is a weekday after school has already started. The Board felt this would never work and we should pass on the opportunity.

Cow Patty Bingo- Griva said she received an email from Jessica with the Angola Band Boosters wanting to do a fundraiser in conjunction with the Park's September Concert. They would have a grid and sell spaces and wherever the cow dropped its manure, the purchaser of that square would win the cash prize. Supt. Hanna said his only fear is that every organization will want to tap into our crowd to do a fundraiser if we do it for them. Hanna said the only partnership is that we are providing the people for them to solicit. The Board agreed with Hanna that they could be opening a door they shouldn't with this. The Board voted 0 yea, 5 nays for partnering on this fundraiser.

Dog Fountain- Hanna said that this project is underway. Water Superintendent Selman has ordered the fountain and boring contractor. The fountain contains a drinking fountain, ADA fountain and dog fountain. This will be along the trail at the entrance to the dog park.

Sheets Family Park- Supt. Hanna reported that the YMCA is wanting to move forward with the project, even though they are short on funding. They thought breaking ground might provide some momentum in the fundraising. Hanna said they are now considering doing the project in phases. They have used the word "downsizing", which is why Hanna wants to be involved in these discussions. The amount of time and money spent by both the city and the YMCA on creating the perfect park for our community's wants will be wasted if they make the project different than the plans. Hanna feels it will upset the community more than help the project.

Memorial Trees- Supt. Hanna had previously reported that he was having trouble finding the same memorial trees and they had gone up in price considerably. He contacted Core Promotions, a local company that purchased Core Communications, and they found the trees for \$5400 each plus shipping. Hanna felt we should purchase two now and store them. This way we know we can get them, and price will only continue to go up. Hanna said there is enough money in the Tree Memorial Donation Account to pay for these. The Board voted unanimously to purchase them now using the Tree Memorial Donation Account.

Center Lake Access- Supt. Hanna said he has still not heard back from the READI 2.0 officials on whether the Center Lakes Project is able to be funded by the grant. Hanna said even if it were, there is a private investment side of the grant that could be difficult, if the donation of the land is not eligible as private investment. Hanna had a contractor give him some rough numbers on cutting in the road and paving it. Hanna has concerns that they are required to allow access, but the access is rough. Hanna feels we have the money in either our non-reverting fund or our Cumulative Building Fund. He asked the Board if they wanted to move forward with improving access with those funds. Member Carpenter made a motion to move forward with the Center Lakes access, regardless of the funding source. Member Adams seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Tree Memorial- Vice President Selman stated that someone informed her they were out walking and were surprised that there was no sign or anything at the Memorial Tree area, saying what it was. Hanna said he too felt there should be something and when the new memorial area is done, we could incorporate just that.

No further business, meeting adjourns at 11:03am.

Jacquelyn Wahlig
Jacquelyn Wahlig, President

Matt Hanna

Matt Hanna, Secretary