

Wednesday, August 7th, 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, Superintendent Matt Hanna and Angola Softball League Representative Joe Fee.

The minutes of the June 5th, 2024, meeting were approved with a motion by Vice President Selman and seconded by member Poor. All were in favor.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Pig Out in the Park-** Hanna mentioned that once again the event went well. Hanna asked the board if they had any feedback on any changes that needed to be made. All thought the event went well. President Wahlig asked how many Hanna thought we served. Hanna answered roughly 300 people.

**Concert in the Park-** Griva stated it was another amazing turnout with The Hubie Ashcraft Band. She reported that we collected \$1,221.52 back from concessions. Griva mentioned having the bounce houses was great and utilized by many families.

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration-** Griva said she reached out to June Julian at the Steuben County Tourism Bureau and got reports back showing we hosted roughly 13,600 people at 9pm and 18,000 people throughout the entire day. Griva reported we received \$283.00 back from Penguinnes and \$100.00 in the Park Board Hotdog Giveaway donations. Griva mentioned she thought the day was a success and asked the board if they had any thoughts or changes to be made. Member Poor mentioned no tongs, they will just wear gloves. Hanna said one issue was police parking but talked with PD about a change for next year. Hanna mentioned the economic impact report showed over \$100,000.00 from our July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration.

**Sheets Family Park-** Hanna mentioned we budgeted \$113,000.00 for an employee and supplies for the Sheets Family Park, with that not happening this year, this money is still sitting. Hanna said a donor came forward and said if the city or county would match, they would donate \$100,000.00. Hanna said he mentioned to the mayor that he could talk to the park board and use this money sitting and match the donor. Trine University received a 17.2-million-dollar grant which included funding for this park. Hanna asked the board for a vote on matching the donor with the money we budgeted for a park employee and supplies for the Sheets Family Park. All in favor.

**Concert in the Park-** Griva stated it was once again another successful Concert in the Park. She said there was a lot of positive feedback on this band. Griva reported we made \$496.68 on concessions minus the spirits. She said the mayor sent her the report from June Julian that at 7PM we had 627 in the park.

**Arts in the Park-** Griva reported we have been approved for the grant. She said she has been meeting with Colleen Everage and putting a calendar together with all the classes and programs. This grant was in the amount of \$9,370.00. President Wahlig asked Griva when she thought this would all get started. Griva responded that we are looking to start having classes next month. President Wahlig asked what kind of events will be apart of this grant. Griva responded Arts in the Park would include theatre, dance, music, and visual arts for all ages.