

Wednesday, September 3rd, 2025

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

The minutes of the August 6th, 2025, meeting were approved with a motion by member Carpenter and seconded by member Adams. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Sheets Family Park Update- Hanna reported that things are moving along, though there is still a significant amount of outstanding work. Contractors are currently estimating completion by October 1st. Hanna mentioned to the board that there will be no grand opening until next spring, but the pickleball courts and playground are expected to be open this fall.

The Hubie Ashcraft Band- Griva reported that the event had a very good turnout. She mentioned that we received \$125.00 back from Kona Ice, which is one of the highest amounts we've received from them to date. Griva said she is still waiting on final numbers from Mad Anthonys and Shig's In Pit.

NEW BUSINESS

Night of Worship Griva reminded the board that the Night of Worship will take place on Saturday, September 20th, from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The event will feature food, music, and a variety of activities.

American History Fest- Griva informed the Board that she had reached out to Tom Fredrick approximately a month and a half ago to confirm whether the American History Fest was still scheduled to take place at the end of September. At that time, Mr. Fredrick confirmed that the event was still planned. Griva reported that she has not received any further updates since then, despite follow-up emails. She noted that local schools have begun inquiring about the event schedule, and she is unable to provide them with information. Hanna suggested that they revisit the topic of the American History Fest at the October meeting to determine the desired direction for the event moving forward.

Stronger Together Fundraiser- Griva noted that this will be the 2nd Annual Softball Fundraiser. She reported that last year, the Angola Softball League raised \$2,900.00 for the Special Olympics. This year, funds will be raised in support of the Angola High School Women's Basketball Team. The event is scheduled for Saturday, October 4th, and will begin with a morning color run along the trail to the middle school, followed by softball games throughout the day, along with various activities and games for all ages.

OTHER BUSINESS

Tree Memorial Structure- Hanna mentioned to the board that if they haven't yet visited the new structure, it is coming along very well. He reported that the stonework is currently in progress. Hanna also shared that there has been some back-and-forth discussion regarding how to mount the trees. Hanna is considering hiring a professional for the installation, as it involves an epoxy-based process, and they would feel more confident having someone experienced handling the job safely and correctly.

Firemen's Park- Hanna reported to the board that Firemen's Park is completed, although caution tape remains in place as the dirt work is not yet finished. Hanna said that an update will be posted on social media once the dirt work is completed and the area is fully ready for use.

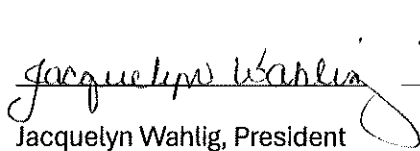
Local Ordinances- Hanna reported that Griva was asked, by someone from the public, whether registered sex offenders are allowed in public parks. In response, Griva reached out to Detective Jordan Trippe from the County Investigations Division for clarification. Hanna reported that, following this inquiry, research was conducted, and examples of local ordinances from other Indiana municipalities addressing this issue were found. He noted that he has been in contact with City Attorney, Detective Trippe, and the mayor to further explore the matter. Hanna asked the board if they would like to make a motion to move forward with creating an ordinance that would prohibit registered sex offenders from entering public parks. Member Adams made the motion, and Member Poor seconded. All in favor.

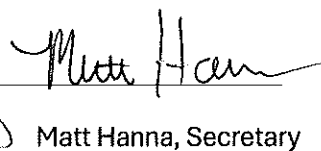
Center Lakes- Hanna mentioned to the board, he will be getting bids sent out this week for center lakes.

Sheets Family Park- Hanna informed the board that he and Tabitha have been conducting research on rules and regulations for the splash pad and pickleball courts. He noted that there were several considerations that hadn't initially been anticipated. Hanna stated that he will compile the information and send it to the board for review and approval before submitting it to the City Council.

Hornbacher Property- Hanna informed the board that he would like to take a vote on the Hornbacher property if the Angola Kids League does not move forward with accepting the property offer. Member Poor expressed support for proceeding and made a motion to move forward with obtaining an appraisal for the property if the Angola Kids League is not interested in the purchase. Member Carpenter seconded the motion. All were in favor.

No further business, meeting adjourns at 10:27 am.


Jacquelyn Wahlig, President


Matt Hanna, Secretary