

March 7, 2018

President Wahlig called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Attending was President Wahlig and Board Members Poor and Adams. Absent was Vice President Selman and member Carpenter. Also attending was Superintendent Matt Hanna, Event Coordinator Onofrietti and Troy Smith, local businessman.

The minutes of the January 3, 2018 meeting were approved with a motion from member Poor and a second by President Wahlig pending corrections. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

5 Year Master Plan- President Wahlig congratulated the staff on how well perceived from the State Department of Natural Resources. Member Adams made a motion to adopt the resolution for the 5 Year Master Plan. Member Poor seconded the motion. All members were in favor. The Board asked if Hanna could email them the final version of the plan. Hanna agreed and said he would submit it to the State as soon as possible.

Hornbacher Property- Superintendent Hanna showed on a map what the additional portion of the purchase would include. Hanna said it will need to be surveyed to find out the final acreage but knew it was over twenty acres. Hanna said that a parking lot could be added to the area along Redding Rd. and a sledding hill would be possible to make as well. President Wahlig felt it would enhance the rest of the property. Hanna said that they could not pay more than the average of two appraisals but felt this will appraise for more than the asking price. Hanna also suggested that the City's utility easement could be used for constructing a trail around the property. Member Poor made a motion that we purchase the additional acreage along Redding Rd. for the additional \$20,000. President Wahlig seconded the motion. Member Poor and President Wahlig were in favor, Member Adams was not. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Tree Memorial Dedication- Events Coordinator Onofrietti said that comments were made regarding the Memorial Dedication that it was more like a church service than a celebration of life. She suggested making some changes to the music and make it more uplifting. She thought finding out something specific about each person could be used to celebrate each person's life. She also told them about a balloon release with each person's name.

Movie Night 2018- Events Coordinator Onofrietti said that she put a poll out on Facebook to see what movie people would be interested in for Movie Night 2018. She said Jumanji was number one by far. She stated that Nate Lauer still wanted to partner on this and use his equipment. She also reported that Nate would like to do three movie nights because there is a discount for purchasing more than one license. The Board discussed this and decided three movie nights would be a good idea.

Marketing 2018- Events Coordinator Onofrietti showed the Board a copy of the publication "Coffee News" that is distributed around the county and suggested taking two spaces for year-round advertisement along with including the events in the "What's Happening" section of the paper. She reported that the cost would be \$800 but not doing a billboard on the 4th of July would help off set the cost. She showed a copy of the Auburn Coffee News where the Auburn Parks & Recreation were utilizing this marketing strategy. President Wahlig asked about how much was budgeted for advertising. Supt. Hanna said that it is flexible because some advertising comes out of donation accounts while others come out of the Printing and Advertising budget. He felt there was plenty of money to do this. The Board asked if we were still considering an electronic sign. Hanna said Member Poor had asked them to put it in the budget for 2019. Hanna said they planned to budget for this. The Board agreed to try the Coffee News for the year and see how it works.

Onofrietti asked the Board if they could look through the 2018 Park Guide and proof read for her.

OTHER BUSINESS

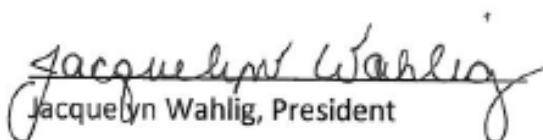
Fall Festival- Local businessman Troy Smith explained to the Board that he wanted to start a festival in the fall, like the Apple Festival in Kendallville. He explained that his career has been in event planning


and has done his homework on what would be needed for something like this to take place in the Commons Park. He would like to keep things local, restaurants and local groups serving fall dishes, hayrides, pony rides, straw maze, etc. He would be getting local sponsor dollars along with some of his own money to get this thing off the ground. He mentioned involving service organizations to help them earn money as well. He wants to create a festival for local business and crafters and would like the use of the Selman Timber Frame Area. He said that nothing more would be needed from the Parks other than the facility. He would do all the ground work and line up people to do trash, assist with parking, etc. Supt. Hanna said that there would still be work for the Parks in the form of setup assistance and handling any of the secondary effects of the festival. Mr. Smith stated that he wanted to give it a try October 13th and 14th this year and try and grow it into a large fall festival for the Angola Area. The Board discussed the options and possibilities and felt that allowing him to try it but setting some ground rules in a facility use contract. The Board also requested that he give a summary of all his intentions on how this event would be run. All present Board members were in favor.

Easter Volunteers- Onofrietti said she was asked by Anna Feller if she and her staff could come volunteer at Easter and put out some information on Autism for parents to take if they want. They could set up at the information table and help with games. The Board felt it is a good cause to inform parents on and we should allow them to come help. She also asked if they could send someone to the Summer Recreation Program to help with Autistic children in the program. They agreed to become involved with the program.

President Wahlig asked if Nina could send information on the meeting to Veryl in Florida. Nina said that she would.

No further business, meeting adjourns at 11:15 AM.


Jacquelyn Wahlig, President


Matt Hanna, Secretary