

July 11, 2018

President Wahlig called the meeting to order at 10:00am. Attending was President Wahlig, Vice President Selman, Board Members Carpenter, Poor and Adams. Also attending was Superintendent Matt Hanna and John Swygart.

The minutes of June 6, 2018 were approved pending corrections with a motion by Vice President Selman and a second by Member Carpenter. All were in favor.

The minutes of the June 26, 2018 Special Meeting were approved with a motion by Member Adams and a second by President Wahlig.

**Night of Worship-** John Swygart introduced himself and presented the Park Board with a flyer for a Community Night of Worship that he is wanting to do in the park. He explained that Turning Point Homeless Shelter is the sponsor of the event and all proceeds, beyond the cost of the event, will benefit the shelter. John stated that all fundraising for this will take place before and outside of the park. He is requesting use of the stage on September 22, 2018 from 6-9pm. This would be a free event with a licensed food vendor on site as well. He would like to book three bands that would play forty-five minutes each with a fifteen-minute break between bands. There would be a professional sound guy providing the sound for the concert. President Wahlig asked what would be needed from the Park. John replied that the use of the stage, electricity, trashcans and possibly advertising if possible. Supt. Hanna said that this is not really any different than the Back to School Bash or Kids Night in the Park. It is in line with the mission statement of the parks but is ultimately the decision of the Board whether to allow this or not. Member Carpenter made a motion to allow the Night of Worship, Member Poor seconded the motion. All were in favor. Supt. Hanna said he would double check the date and make sure there are no reservations in the park that day and report back to Mr. Swygart.

#### OLD BUSINESS

**4<sup>th</sup> of July-** Supt. Hanna reported that it was extremely hot on the 4<sup>th</sup> but all the hotdogs were given away. It took a bit longer than usual. Vice President Selman said that she had already talked to Nina, but the large tubs of ketchup and mustard slowed the condiment line up and we should go back to using individual bottles next year. She also suggested a different table arrangement to help the flow of the line. Hanna said that even though the crowd was down during the day, the entertainment was well received. Hanna said the crowd really picked up as the fireworks got closer and it was a great firework show. Hanna said they did have one kid break his arm in the playground just after the fireworks and an issue with how people were parking on Smurr field. Hanna said the additional police presence this year was a real benefit for the event.

**Movie Night-** Vice President Selman said the Movie Night was great. It was a little hot and the mosquitoes were out but to see families enjoying the movie on blankets created a great atmosphere. Selman said the sound and picture were great and there was a nice crowd. She felt that Nina wanted to see more people but with the downtown events earlier in the evening and the heat, that may have affected the turnout. Selman said she thought it was a successful event.

**Hornbacher Property-** Supt. Hanna said that he spoke with Jim Hornbacher recently in the Park and brought him up to speed on what was going on with the property purchase. Hanna said the last Council reading on the Ordinance for the additional appropriation will be the next meeting. The City Attorney has already drafted a purchase agreement that can be used once the money is available. Hanna said it is moving forward, just slowly.

**IOOF Building-** Supt. Hanna informed the Board that after the Special Meeting on June 26, 2018, he delivered the two requests for appraisals for the IOOF building. He also stated that there was a draft ordinance ready for Council action once the amount and interest rate was established. Hanna said the interest rate could be 0% but this has not been discussed. The ordinance will be for the Parks to take out a loan from the Waste Water Treatment Fund and repaying with the Cumulative Building Fund. Hanna said everything should be set to go, but we must take all the right steps along the way. Member Adams said that the Church Pastor that rents the basement had been in to City Hall regarding zoning for

a new facility and was upset that the Parks Department was running them out. Hanna explained that Tom Spidel had asked Hanna what the Parks intentions were for the building. Hanna told him they plan to rent out the basement and the use for the upstairs was still undetermined. Spidel asked if he should notify the church to look for a new facility. Hanna told him that would be a good idea.

**Disc Golf-** Supt. Hanna told the Board that he didn't realize the amount of work that Bill Maddock was wanting from the Park. Bill told Hanna that he was only going to be responsible for raising the money. The Park would be responsible for hiring a designer/consultant, installing the course and maintaining all of it. Hanna said with all the other things going on right now, he didn't feel there was enough time to handle all this. Hanna said he had visited a couple courses, Fremont and Kendallville, and didn't see a need for a designer, but maybe someone that was familiar with the game could assist them. Hanna said he would continue to do his homework and try and find someone to work with on this but didn't know how soon this could be completed. Hanna encouraged the Board to not begin work on this until full payment was received from Bill Maddock.

#### NEW BUSINESS

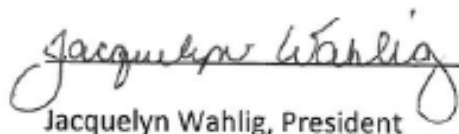
**Hubie Concert-** Supt. Hanna reported that the Hubie Concert was set for July 27, 2018 from 6-9. Shigs In Pit and Mad Anthony's were set for concessions. Hanna said he would be there if his wife didn't go into labor early.

**Summer Project Updates-** Supt. Hanna said that the maintenance staff had just finished the dirt work and new grass around the Firemen's parking lot. Hanna said with the dry weather they have been watering trees and flowers around the park as well. It was finally dry enough to finish the trees that were donated by Trine. They brought in good dirt to finish planting them. Hanna said if any Board Members were not at the last meeting, the new flagpole is up and was lit during the fireworks. Hanna said Asst. Supt. Allshouse thought it would be nice to leave it lit during the fireworks and it ended up looking cool. President Wahlig asked if any of the flowers that were planted were coming up. Hanna said they came up, but he hasn't seen any blooms yet. Hanna said they were going to begin mowing the big fields back in the park, as soon as next week. Hanna said he did find someone to come in and bale part of it, which saves both time and money. He said this also looks much nicer because there isn't a bunch of dead grass laying around. When asked by President Wahlig, Hanna advised that Dustin Nilson did the baling. Hanna said the mowing has slowed down and if we don't get rain, it could stop.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

**Trees-** Member Carpenter said that he attended the last Board of Public Works meeting and a lady requested that some trees be removed at 1000 W. Maumee St. Member Carpenter wanted to know Hanna's opinion regarding the request. Hanna advised that the matter falls under the Tree Board and they have a position that unless it is necessary, only dead or dangerous trees are removed from public right of ways. Hanna said he has agreed to trim them, but would not remove them.

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

  
Jacquelyn Wahlig, President

  
Matt Hanna, Secretary