

FEBRUARY 5, 2020

President Wahlig called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Attending were President Wahlig, Board Members Adams and Poor. Absent was Vice President Selman and Member Carpenter. Also attending was Superintendent Matt Hanna and Event Coordinator Nina Burlingame.

The minutes of the January 8, 2020 meeting were approved with a motion by Member Poor and a second by Member Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Sign Marquee- Supt. Hanna stated that the digital sign marquee is still not working. There is an issue with the IP Address. The City IT department is working on the issue. Hanna said they have not paid the remainder of the money owed to the sign company.

Firemen's Pavilion- Supt. Hanna said Wagler Construction started the project on Monday and should be finished by the end of the week. Hanna said the finish work and sidewalks may come in the spring. Hanna told the Board that they have new table legs so that new tables can be put in the new pavilion. The guys will be working on those this winter.

NEW BUSINESS

YMCA Partnership- Supt. Hanna said last week, he and President Wahlig, met with Mike McClelland and City Officials to discuss the splash pad partnership that was discussed a while back. Hanna said this is still very preliminary, but he is still unsure what the role of the Parks would play in this partnership. Hanna said if the City contributes money, he feels there needs to be an agreement that residents can use it for free. If the Parks run/maintain it, Hanna feels we need to have ownership or a lease agreement in place. President Wahlig felt that the YMCA wants the Parks to maintain and manage the water park area. Hanna said if the Park does take ownership or a lease, he feels the Board should have some input on how it is built. President Wahlig stated that there is a lot of gray area right now, but the Parks have always wanted a splash pad and the location is ideal. Member Poor stated that it would be a good project to be a part of due to the lack of parks north of town. Hanna feels if we did buy or lease this facility, we would need to know the number of hours that would need to be dedicated to this and the maintenance costs, in order to know if it fits in our budget. The Board discussed some of the differences in the types of splash pad systems. President Wahlig asked if the Board was still interested in doing an ice rink with the splash pad. Superintendent Hanna felt with the Trine ice rink, it would not be worth the investment. Hanna suggested it may be a good idea to contact Trine University to see if they would be interested in allowing the Park Department to lease the Trine skating rink for a few hours weekly, so that the Park could offer free skating to the public. Hanna mentioned that the Indiana Code would allow for such a lease. The Board asked Hanna to investigate that possibility, and Hanna agreed. Hanna said as far as the YMCA partnership, he is aware the Board is interested, pending more details. Hanna said he would do his best to keep everyone in the loop.

Event Sponsorships- Event Coordinator Burlingame asked the Board to review a packet that she has put together from things she learned at her event school. She had one copy for the 4th of July and one for the Hubie Concert Series. She explained that there would be one event sponsorship and other supporting sponsors. The packet outlined what they would get for their sponsorship and how much investment we are making to support them. For the 4th of July we would have a hospitality center for sponsors and volunteers. Nina discussed category exclusivity for sponsors. Only having one bank or one insurance company as examples. Nina also gave the Park Board members a copy of the notes she took at Event School. The Board thanked her for those. She also talked with Mad Anthony's about doing other things during the concert and they suggested slushie's or ice cream, which wouldn't compete with them. Nina said she has secured Kona Ice for the two concerts. Nina also asked if we could continue using the Coffee News as an advertising outlet. The Board all agreed to continue using this outlet.

OTHER BUSINESS

GLPTI- Supt. Hanna informed the Board that the staff would be attending the Great Lakes Park Training Institute at the end of the month and the office would be closed.

No further business, meeting adjourns at 10:47 AM.

