

December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

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

The minutes of the October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting were approved with a motion by Member Carpenter and seconded by Vice President Selman. All were in favor.

**Halloween Fun** – Superintendent Hanna stated we didn't have ideal conditions, but we ended up having a great turnout, great volunteers, and a very successful event. Vice President Selman said that having the Trine volunteers was so helpful, coming in shifts throughout the day. Superintendent Hanna stated there was some rain at times, parents and their kids were needing to dry the pumpkins before decorating them. In the future we will have the pumpkins under the Timber Frame to avoid getting wet if rain is in the forecast. Superintendent Hanna stated the event did fall on a random weekday this year, as he thought it was during fall break. Superintendent Hanna asked the board their input when to have the event. We try to look at all the other events going on in the area, to figure out what would be best here at the parks. President Wahlig stated there is so much going on that time of the year on the weekends. Member Poor stated during the week is good. We didn't need to look into having it during fall break families still work and go on vacation. Griva stated it would end up being a school night if not planned during fall break. Vice President Selman suggested changing the time to 6pm-8pm. Superintendent Hanna asked if October 27<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 would work for next year. All Agreed. Superintendent Hanna stated if we need to change anything later in the year, we can change it.

**Center Lakes Update**– Superintendent Hanna stated he met with the Mayor and City attorney to ask a few questions as far as needing an agreement or a memorandum of understanding with Blue Heron before moving forward with the grant. Kim Shoup didn't feel it was necessary. Superintendent Hanna stated he received an email that the Blue Heron board are willing to work with us in the transfer of Center lakes in whatever time frame we are needing to get this grant. Blue Heron also let him know that even though they want to do the management for the invasives on this property they also understand it might not be financially feasible. This will not prevent them from donating the land. Superintendent Hanna stated the property does not need to be annexed to apply for the grant or accept it. He does still need to check with the insurance company as far as liability insurance with having the fishing dock and how much the liability insurance will change. Superintendent Hanna stated he will have to check the funds as well, because this grant is a reimbursement grant, the City will have to pay for everything up front. President Wahlig asked how it works as if we don't get the grant and we've paid. Superintendent Hanna answered if we do not get the grant we don't have to pay, and we would find funds another way. President Wahlig asks how much the grant is for. Hanna answers it is up to \$250,000. Superintendent Hanna states he is in the process of getting numbers around and that we will apply for all of it. Superintendent Hanna states he has been in contact with Bob Bronson the Grants Section Chief of the Division of Natural Resources for the state. He would like to do a teams call to walk us through the application process for the grant. We can do the grant without hiring a consultant. This will take about an hour, and anyone is welcome to join the call. He will get a possible date and time for what works with anyone who is wanting to join.

**2022 Park Guide and Schedule**- Griva stated we recently had a Trine student come to us regarding a project she was needing to do for a class. We took the opportunity to let her design our 2022 Park Guide. Griva stated she went through it and made changes that needed to be made and added anything that was missing. Griva also stated she started the 2022 Event schedule and offered copies to the board members to look over and

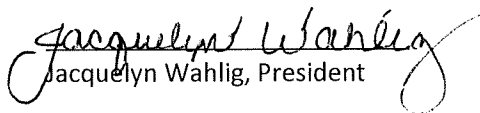
make any changes by next board meeting. Hanna stated Griva has all the bands booked for the fourth of July and a third concert for the summer Mason Dixon Line.

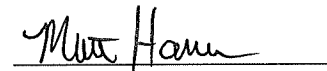
**National Association for the Education of Young Children** – Griva stated Ms. Roxy from a local daycare has reached out to her regarding the NAEYC. She was wanting to have this event in our parks April 2<sup>nd</sup> through April 8<sup>th</sup> 2022. Member Poor stated looking into who would be helping her and if they would need to have criminal background checks when working with children. President Wahlig asks to get more detailed information on how she is wanting to run the event in the parks.

**Playground Assessment** – Superintendent Hanna stated the playground has been assessed. As soon as he gets the results, he will forward them on.

**Civil War Days**- Superintendent Hanna stated Civil War days is changing their name to American History Fest. They had reached out to Maria Davis with the City to tell her about their meetings. She forwarded Hanna the message and are wanting us to attend their meetings to discuss the happenings with the city. Superintendent Hanna sent an email back to them letting them know when our Park Board meetings were. Hanna stated they should attend our Park Board meetings regarding this event. Superintendent Hanna says they have not wanted to work with him and want to go around him. Member Poor asks if it's time to move on from them. Matt stated he does not think the Mayor would want that. Superintendent Hanna suggests they should come to a board meeting every year and ask if they can host the event for the following year and go over the rules. Superintendent Hanna stated Kara plans to attend the board meeting in February. Member Carpenter suggests they pay a deposit to use the parks. Superintendent Hanna stated he emailed Kara November 17th asking for clarification on the new name and the dates for next year. He has heard no response.

No further business, meeting adjourns 10:57am.

  
Jacquelyn Wahlig, President

  
Matt Hanna, Secretary