

March 2,2022

President Wahlig called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Attending were President Wahlig, Member Adams and Member Poor. Absent was Vice President Selman and Member Carpenter. Also attending was Event Coordinator Tabitha Griva, Superintendent Hanna, and Christina Brinker, the Chief Operating Officer with Fort Wayne Ballet.

**Guest Christina Brinker-** Christina Brinker is the Chief Operating Officer with Fort Wayne Ballet. Christina explained that they are a two-part company, main stage performances and an academy. She stated last year they started a firefly tour bringing a free ballet performance to communities to let people be aware of Fort Wayne ballet. She stated she is interested in adding Angola to this year's tour and would like to have it here at the Angola Parks. She stated she would like to have the performance Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup>. Member Adams asked where she would be wanting to have the performance. Christina stated she was looking having it at the Selman Timber Frame. Christina stated the performance is about an hour long with around fifteen kids. Christina also mentioned that they bring a dance floor, trailer, sound equipment and her own crew. Cristina mentioned she would just need the use of electric. All Board would be in favor of doing this.

The minutes of the January 5, 2022 meeting were approved with a motion by Member Adams and seconded by Member Poor. All were in favor

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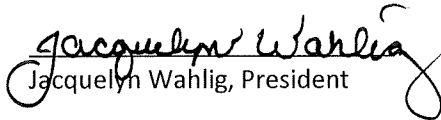
**Center Lakes Property-** Hanna asked if the board would like to plan on moving forward with accepting the donation of the land. He states the grant we were hoping for can't happen, but we've established the accumulative fund for this purpose and can use the fund for what we are wanting to do back there. Member Poor asked how much. Hanna stated that is still to be determined. Hanna stated the Downtown Coalition is currently wanting to apply for a grant through the US Department of Agriculture to help fund the Center Lakes establishment. President Wahlig asked if we ever found out the cost to have Blue Heron maintain the grounds. Matt stated the number was astronomical, the initial cost was over \$200,000. Hanna stated he was honest with Nate Simons letting him know getting access to the public was his priority. Member Adams makes a motion to move forward accepting the land, Poor seconds the motion. All in favor.

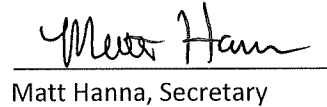
**Tree Memorial-** Hanna asked the board if they would like to plan on having the Tree Memorial in person this year. President Wahlig states she believes covid case have dropped drastically but questions if there be another variant. Member Poor stated he feels at this point a lot is back to normal right now. Hanna stated it will take place this year on April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Selman Timber Frame at 1:00 P.M. and the backup location will be Commons Hall. President Wahlig mentioned looking into having plenty of seats because it has been a problem in the past. Hanna suggested having the Lions Club bring chairs this year. Hanna also mentioned we have not pushed the Tree Memorials like we have in the past, due to the trees getting really close to filling up, we will need to look into an alternative. President Wahlig states she would like to see us have a live memorial again and to check with the mayor to see if he is available.

**Child Family Fair-** Griva stated the fair is set to go. The event will take place April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1PM-4PM at Commons Hall. Griva also stated Miss Roxy has been in contact with the Mayor to make this event a Proclamation on March 7<sup>th</sup> at her daycare.

**Easter Egg Hunt-** Supt. Hanna stated the Easter Event will be planned as it normally would be planned. Griva asked if anyone has any suggestion regarding the Easter Event. President Wahlig stated to maybe find another way to avoid a crowded prize egg area. Member Adams suggested putting prizes in a bag where they can't see what's in them. The board all agreed. Griva also mentioned Michael Bruns along with five employees with Ruoff Mortgage has reached out wanting to help volunteer with the Easter Event and provide prizes. Hanna stated in the past we have utilized Jr leaders and APW but with COVID we lost a couple groups of volunteers so we will be looking for more.

No further business, Meeting adjourns 10:43 am.

  
Jacquelyn Wahlig, President

  
Matt Hanna, Secretary