

**Board of Park Commissioners**  
**Meeting Minutes of**  
**June 10, 2019**

**Call to Order:** Mrs. Galka called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Commissioners in attendance: Mrs. Galka, Mrs. Sills, and Mr. Kara. Mr. Wengel. Also present: School Board Representative Mr. Rogers, Common Council representative Mr. Huddlestun, Park Board Secretary Ms. Montes, and Park Director Mrs. Goodpaster

**Approval of Agenda:** Mrs. Goodpaster asked to add two items to the agenda under new business: Hobart Scouts; Dogs at public Events. Motion by Mr. Kara, Seconded by Mr. Wengel, to approve the agenda with the additions. All aye, motion carried. (4-0)

**Approval of Minutes:** Corrections to the minutes: there were a few typos of spelling on the third page. Motion by Mr. Wengel, seconded by Mr. Kara to accept the minutes as amended. All aye, motion carried. (4-0)

**Approval of Register of Claims:** Mr. Wengel questioned claims for the Ellenberger's maintenance in regards to the tree removal. Mrs. Goodpaster explained that the claim is the same tree at Brickie Bowl that was approved back in May and we just now got invoice for it. Also, Parks ordered mulch and both bills were combined. Motion by Mr. Wengel, seconded by Mrs. Sills to accept the register of claims as amended. All aye, motion carried. (4-0)

**Correspondence:** Nothing under correspondence

**Director Report:** Mrs. Goodpaster reported that the Country Jam concert was an overall success being that it's the first event of that size that has taken place at Brickie Bowl. Due to weather there was an emergency evacuation, people did a great job following procedure and as a result everyone was safe.

Jaycees Fest will take place Friday June 28-July 3 at Brickie Bowl from 6pm-11pm nightly.

The Futsal court is officially ready to go. A full size court was painted and goals were put in. They have 10 teams from all over NWI and one team from Illinois. The league will start off on Father's Day June 16<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

Mrs. Goodpaster also reported that the punch list for the Lakefront is completed however; she is still waiting on the price for the gate and working on some few final repairs.

Mrs. Goodpaster announced that Arts & Adventure in the Park started June 10<sup>th</sup> and will run through the whole summer Monday through Friday. The Teen Pool Party will

take place Friday June 14<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm. It's a great fun way of getting children outside and active during their summer vacation.

Mrs. Goodpaster announced that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade will have a different route this year due to the 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Bridge project. Parade will start on 8<sup>th</sup> St. staging at the Hobart Middle School continuing to Lincoln following Main and old Ridge Rd. and will finish just south of Wisconsin St.

Mr. Rogers asked in regards to crowd control during festivals. Mrs. Goodpaster stated that the police have doing an excellent job with crowd control, traffic and parking. Also, the police chief has the school recourse officers on Lakefront duty. They monitor the Lakefront, bike trail and the down town area. It has made a difference with the crowd and kids behavior since they already know the officers. It's a great way to allow the kids build relationships with the officers.

**Plan Commission Report:** Mrs. Galka reported that the Eagle Creek Subdivision at 61<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Arizona St. received its final approval. Also, Cressmoor Estates Subdivision development has had its first phase on final plat approval.

**Common Council Report:** Nothing under Common Council Report

**School Board Report:** Mr. Rogers reported that graduation for Class of 2019 took place May 30<sup>th</sup> and summer school has started on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. He also reported that Veterans Elementary at Mundell is on schedule and is moving right along.

**Old Business:** Nothing to report under old business

**New Business:** Mrs. Goodpaster asked for a change of pay range in regards to bartenders. She explained that the new pay range would be standard to other bartenders in the area. She also noted that the fee will pay for itself because the renters pay a \$75 dollar bartender fee already. She broke down the pay rate into three portions; up to three hours bartenders will get paid \$50 dollars, three to six hours they will get paid \$75 dollars and anything above six hours they will get paid \$100 dollars. She also noted that the new pay range was accepted by the council she just needed approval and a motion from the Park Commissioners. Motion by Mrs. Sills, seconded by Mr. Kara to accept the new pay range for the bartenders as presented. All aye, motioned carried. (4-0)

A discussion was held in regards to the splash pad. Mrs. Goodpaster explained that the way the pool is set up it is connected to the splash pad which makes it hard to make the splash pad free of charge all day long. She expressed that she has thought of many ways to come up with a good alternative for a free splash pad to the public. However, it's complicated to keep count of who comes in free for just the splash pad and who paid to enter the pool and splash pad area. She has offered the public free hours to the splash pad in the morning before pool opens only and once pool closes for the season the splash pad will remain open. Mr. Huddlestun and Mrs. Galka are very disappointed that splash pad is not free to the public because it was presented to them as a free splash pad to the public. They also mentioned that a solution to the problem in the future would be

looking into having another splash pad in a different location. In the mean time there was a consensus to allow Mrs. Goodpaster to manage the pool to her best interest while they explore other options for the splash pad or a water feature.

Mrs. Goodpaster spoke of the City owned property off of 6<sup>th</sup> street that is currently used for storage of materials. She would like permission to use the wooded area for bike trails. There are currently existing trails on the property. The department would like to turn the property in a bike park long term. There is a want in the community for amenities like these. Mr. Kara spoke on the ability to partner with non-profit groups to help with trail maintenance. He also stated the use would not create much of a demand on the parks resources. A discussion ensued on the potential for the bike park. Mr. Kara shared that there are many grant possibilities for projects like this. Mayor Snedecor informed the Board that if they wanted to proceed then it would need to be brought in front of the Board of Works. If the Board of Works was in favor then an agreement would need to be workout out through the city attorney where the Board of Work would still remain owner of the property and the Parks would be given authority to implement a bike park.

The mayor also stated he thinks this is a great idea and would love to utilize the property for this type of use. Motion by Mr. Kara, seconded by Mr. Wengel to pursue the idea of creating a bike park and to send a request to Board of Works regarding the property.

Mayor Brian Snedecor reported that there was a meeting that took place with the Hobart Scouts in which they discussed a need of some fairly serious repairs to the building. Mayor Snedecor told them that Parks Department doesn't have the budget for those repairs. However, Mayor asked the Park Board if they would allocate using the Community Center for a couple nights between now and the end of this year when it doesn't conflict with any rental to have a couple fundraisers so they can generate some money in order to pay for the repairs. Mrs. Goodpaster thought it was a good consideration and will allow them to do fundraisers at the Community Center. Motion by Mr. Wengel, seconded by Mrs. Sills to allow the Hobart Scouts to make use of the Community Center for two fundraisers at no cost to help pay for repairs necessary at the Scout Cabin. All aye, motion carried. (4-0)

Mrs. Lopez event coordinator reported that events have grown throughout the years and issues with animals have already started to occur. It started last year and seems to continue this year. She is asking the Park Board to allow her to put signage not allowing animals around midway area where food vendors are set up due to public health and safety. Signage will be placed in the front and back entrance of the park. The enforcement will take place by staff members and police officers. Motion by Mrs. Sills, seconded by Mr. Kara that signage can be placed not allowing animals in the midway area during public events. All aye, motioned carried. (4-0)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Paul Curtis was present and provided copies of overview ideas of historical signs with data. Mrs. Goodpaster took the copies and will scan paper and send it to all Park Board Members for further review.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn by Mrs. Sills, seconded by Mr. Wengel. All aye, motion carried. (4-0)

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