

NORTH MANCHESTER PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

July 29, 2020

MINUTES

The North Manchester Parks & Recreation Board met in regular session at the Strauss-Peabody Aquatic and Fitness Center Conference Room. Members present: President Mel Sautter (20), Becky Kreps (22) and Rick Espeset (21). Also present were Jennifer Hotchkiss (Director) and Linda Miller (Assistant Director).

CALL TO ORDER

Mel Sautter called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

VISITOR COMMENTS

There were none.

MINUTES

Minutes from the June 24, 2020 Regular Meeting were presented for approval. Motion for approval as presented (RE/BK) was passed by a voice vote of members present.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

The Maintenance Report was reviewed. (Copy attached)

DIRECTOR REPORT

The Director's Report was reviewed. (Copy attached)

MRA REPORT

The MRA Report was reviewed. (Copy attached)

TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILL PAYMENTS

Claims and Allowance Docket

The July Claims and Allowance Docket in the amount of \$36,013.42 was reviewed. Motion to approve the July Claims and Allowance Docket in the amount of \$36,013.42 (BK/RE) was passed by a voice vote of members present.

Monthly Park and Recreation Financial Reports

The July Claims Summary, Utility Comparison Report, June Expense Report and June Revenue Report were reviewed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Splash

Jennifer ordered the brochures and they should be done in a week or two. They will send the invoice directly to Mel.

Master Plan Projects

There was nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Ogan’s Landing

Mel stated that people really love Ogan’s Landing and by holding the Farmer’s Market there, it is getting a lot of attention. People are also commenting that they sure hope the town gets something worked out soon for the boat launch. Adam had spoken to Town Council about the situation, and they concluded that it is too expensive to pay \$2,500 each time to put it in and take it out of the river. Council recommended speaking with Lehman and Lehman about getting a quote to put a concrete launch in and Jennifer is still waiting on that quote.

Mel also reported that there is a group of individuals interested in planting some trees at Ogan’s Landing. Someone he knows who lives east of town on about 25 acres has quite a few volunteer trees. Mel would like to form a committee to work on getting trees placed at both Ogan’s Landing and at the Town Life Center. The board was in agreement. Jennifer said it would be great to ask Ben Vineyard to be part of the committee.

Adaptive Playground Equipment

Jennifer reported an estimated price of just under \$5,000 for the frame and 2 swings. LaTasha Music was going to contact the Wieland Family, as they are interested in doing something in the memory of Dr. Rex Wieland. Jennifer and Denise will be taking a look at Warvel Park for the best location. We will also have to pour a sidewalk for handicap access to the equipment. The application for the Wabash County Community Foundation Good Deeds Grant is September 15, 2020.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

APPROVED _____

Mel Sautter, President

Jack Vineyard, Vice-President

Becky Kreps, Member

Bobbi Lautzenheiser, Member

Rick Espeset, Member