

PARK & RECREATION BOARD

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Park & Recreation Board Summary

Last Meeting Date: March 28, 2012

MEETING SYNOPSIS:

Members Present: Almon, Garrison, Klitzing, and Mangus were present for the meeting.

CITIZEN'S REQUESTS & COMMENTS

MR. MIKE HOMOYA, CITIZEN

Mr. Homoya brought forward to the Park Board concerns about the trails being proposed at the meeting for mountain bike trails. Mr. Homoya appreciates the natural area in Williams Park's Maple Ridge Trail. The people that hike back there like the feel of being out of the metropolitan area. Mr. Homoya expressed his concern that the bike traffic would diminish the walking experience.

MRS. WANDA PEARSON,
BROWNSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mrs. Pearson came before the Park Board to express her thanks and pleasure with the Inter-local Agreement with Brownsburg Parks. The additional exposure of both organizations has been good and she hoped it would continue to be with the new agreement being proposed this evening. The Library Board had already approved it. The Park Board granted approval of renewing the Inter-local Agreement as proposed.

MR. DAVE RICHARDSON,
BROWNSBURG 9-11 MEMORIAL
COMMITTEE

Councilman Richardson came before the Park Board on behalf of the Brownsburg 9-11 Memorial Committee requesting the use of a location in Arbuckle Acres Park. The Park Board provided a tentative yes to the site and accepted the proposed location under the condition that should Arbuckle Acres expand then consideration to a better location will be given.

MR. NICK XINOPOLOUS,
BROWNSBURG LIONS CLUB

Mr. Xinopolous came before the Park Board to present a donation of \$1,200 for Brownsburg Parks Easter Egg Hunt. Mr. Xinopolous expressed the appreciation of Brownsburg Parks efforts to work with the Lions Club to continue to keep Brownsburg a great community with many recreational opportunities. The partnership between the Department and the Lions Club to make improvements in communication,

facility use and events has been excellent.

LUKE BEEMER & ALEK MINIKIS,
BROWNSBURG HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Mr. Beemer and Mr. Minikis came to present to the Park Board a request to proceed with redesigning the secondary trails in Williams Park's Maple Ridge Trail. The recreational purpose of the trails is for mountain biking and hiking. The Students showed current pictures of trails that have become prone to erosion due to their straight line into the ravine. The proposed trails would follow the contour and include construction standards proven by the Hoosier Mountain Bicycling Association in State Parks and National Forest elsewhere in Indiana. These standards would allow for water to run over the trail instead of along it which would alleviate a majority of the erosion, create a more sustainable trails and decrease maintenance. They went on to describe the use of volunteers for over 2 miles of trail construction and establishing a trail maintenance group among other health benefits to the community. The Park Board authorized the Department to work with the group to establish a trail map and bring it back before the Park Board for review and final approval. The Park Board also asked for the department to allow time for public input before bringing it back for consideration.

MS. EMILY YOUNG, Y.E.P. HIGH
SCHOOL STUDENT

Ms. Young came to the Park Board to ask for permission for the Department to host Midnite Fitnite. This is the third year that Brownsburg Parks and hosted the student planned and driven event for fitness in Brownsburg. The event is on April 13th from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. The proceeds go to benefit a future Recreation Center and promoting fitness in the community. Ms. Young explained that the attendance more than doubled from the first year to the second. The Park Board approved the event and for Brownsburg Parks to host the event.

OLD BUSINESS:

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chamber of Commerce
Partnership

The Park Board considered and approved the 2012-2013 partnership between Brownsburg Parks and The Brownsburg Chamber of Commerce.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES
& STAFF:**

Finance Committee:

No Report at this time.

Personnel Committee:

No Report at this time.

Policy Committee:	No Report at this time.
Grounds Superintendent:	The Park Board complimented the staff on their efforts to remove the graffiti on the Arbuckle Acres Elevated Bridge.
Recreation Superintendent:	The Recreation Superintendent mentioned the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt on April 7 th at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Tranbarger went on to advise the public to the lack of parking in Arbuckle Acres due to the construction of the new Water Treatment Plant.
Administrative Items:	The Director advised that the construction of the new water treatment plant has begun. Mr. Parnin went on to say that due to the parking the public should plan to leave home early and arrive early to the Easter Egg Hunt. This will allow them to have enough time to get to their children's age groups, visit the Easter Bunny, and talk with neighbors and friends.
<i>Water Treatment Plant Construction in Arbuckle Acres Park in 2012</i>	
<i>Certified Playground Safety Inspector</i>	The Director congratulated Kris Myers on achieving his certification. The hours the staff put into maintaining safe and enjoyable playgrounds is numerous. With changes to the playground safety standards it was necessary to have an employee with certification on these new standards.
<i>2011 Annual Report</i>	The Director presented to the Park Board the Brownsburg Parks 2011 Annual Report.

Citizens Comments:

Mr. Jim Sering	Mr. Sering came before the Park Board to express his concern about Arbuckle Acres as a location for the Brownsburg 9-11 Memorial. He proposed that Williams was a better site for the memorial next to the Veteran's Memorial Garden.
Mr. Scott Smith	Mr. Smith came before the Park Board to commend the Department on the condition of the parks this spring and their continuous efforts this spring. He and his family have enjoyed them during this string of nice days. Mr. Smith went on to say how proud he was of the presentation made by the high school students and how great it is to have that level of leadership in our youth.

Board Member's Comments:

None at this time
