

PARK & RECREATION BOARD

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Park & Recreation Board Summary

Last Meeting Date: September 20, 2012

MEETING SYNOPSIS:

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

CITIZEN'S REQUESTS & COMMENTS

NONE AT THIS MEETING

OLD BUSINESS:

Deferred Maintenance Update

The Director presented to the Park Board an update on the staff's efforts to remove over \$800,000 in deferred maintenance including over \$200,000 in equipment repairs and replacement that were identified in 2008. Mr. Parnin was pleased to announce that in three years and nine months, the staff has been able to eliminate almost 92% of the issues at a little over 70% of the original estimated cost and only 17% of the cost, to date, has been with property tax dollars.

Gazebos at Williams Park

The Director presented an update on the current condition of the Gazebos in Williams Park. When identified as deferred maintenance in 2008, it was not designated as a priority. Since that time it has begun to rot at an increasing pace. Mr. Parnin presented alternatives to the Park Board including repair costs, and reminded the Board of planning for a new location that was suggested in 2010. The staff also stated that in its current location the gazebos can only capture 10% of the revenue it should be capturing each outdoor season. In a different location it could capture 60-70% of the projected revenue. The Park Board provided direction to the staff including; in depth exploration of alternatives, new location, landscaping, and an alternate focal point when entering Williams Park.

NEW BUSINESS:

Authorization to Proceed: Scoping Study of White Lick Creek

The Director asked for authorization to proceed with the scoping study of White Lick Creek from Williams Park to US 36 in Avon. In 2011 Brownsburg Parks and Avon Parks began discussions about a scoping study that would identify

the opportunities, challenges and constraints along White Lick Creek for the future trail corridor. Both Avon and Brownsburg plan to use the findings to design and develop the White Lick Creek Greenway. This is only the first step in what is to be a long process, but once a design is complete, funding will be sought through federal and state grants to assist with the construction of sections of the greenway. With the possible connection to the B&O Trail, a State of Indiana Visionary Trail, both communities are hopeful that alternative funding will be available in the future.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES & STAFF:

Finance Committee:

Mr. Parnin updated the Park Board on the 2013 proposed budget process to date.

Personnel Committee:

The Director informed the Board that the office assistant has resigned to spend time with family. The Park Board accepted the office assistant resignation.

Policy Committee:

The Director informed the Park Board that the staff has begun creating the department's first policies and procedures manual. This does not replace the Town Employee Handbook, but rather supplements it with policies, implementation procedures, responsibility flow charts, and administration materials for proper management of Brownsburg Parks services.

Grounds Superintendent

No comments or questions

Recreation Superintendent:

Mr. Tranbarger highlighted the BowWow Bash on September 22nd. He went on to inform the Board that staff would be conducting surveys at our booth on a future off-leash dog park and when completed visitors would receive a dog bone with the Brownsburg Parks Logo on it and waste bags inside of it. The container clips on nicely to a dog leash.

Mr. Tranbarger also updated the Board on Open Swim returning to the offerings again this fall.

Administrative Items:

None at this Meeting

Citizens Comments:

Mr. Brian Proffit

Mr. Proffit asked to comment to the Park Board. Mr. Proffit informed the Board of his love for the game of tennis. He expressed his thanks for bringing life back into the tennis

courts at Arbuckle Acres Park. The tennis wall has been used heavily this summer by people wanting to practice by themselves and even the pickleball lines are being used daily by seniors who love the game. He thanked the Brownsburg Parks staff for being forward thinking to include under 10 tennis court lines and making this small facility multi-generational.

**Board Member's
Comments:**

President Michael Klitzing

President Klitzing wanted to inform the Board and citizens that Carmel had made the top ten of Money Magazine's top small cities to live in. He went on to say that Central Park was on the cover and that parks and recreation (quality of life) was a large determining factor in the magazine's research. The Monon Community Center was featured as one of the best assets in the City of Carmel. Mr. Klitzing stated that it is not his desire to make Brownsburg into Carmel. Brownsburg should create its own identity. Mr. Klitzing hopes that the community and leaders will continue to support the direction of the Brownsburg Parks Board and that the actions determined necessary by the Master Plan update will gain full support for development and sustainable implementation. These things matter when it comes to attracting new businesses and residents.
