

MINUTES FOR THE MOORESVILLE PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT BOARD

May 11, 2020

The meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. Board members present were Mark Taylor, David Pearson, Perry King, Brian Wisler, Lynn Adams, Erin Bechtold, Danny Shaw, Supt. Brent Callahan. Asst. Supt. Kris Wilson, Office Mgr. Stacy Freeman and Recreation Coordinator, Erica Gummere.

Minutes of April 13, 2020, approved replacing Old Time Park with Old Town Park in the last paragraph. Motion made with changes by Danny Shaw, seconded by David Pearson. Motion carried.

Asst. Superintendent Wilson presented a slideshow of the Park's COVID response. The Park has been following the rules when it comes to Governor Holcomb Stay-at-Home Executive order. All office employees have been working from home. Park Maintenance has been social distancing and working around the Park. All shelters, courts, playgrounds, restrooms are closed. Trails are open.

President Brian Wisler reports that Stage 3 of Governor Holcomb Re-Open Indiana Executive Order will start on May 24. Stage 3 will allow playgrounds, court, shelter rentals, and restrooms to reopen. Drinking fountains will remain closed. Member Lynn Adams asked if the playgrounds will be sanitized. Supt. Callahan said that he is looking into the playground sanitation schedule. A soapy water mix will be used to keep the chemicals off the playground. Restroom cleaning will be on a nightly routine using chemicals. Soap and hand sanitizers will be placed in all restrooms.

President Brian Wisler stated that the Concert Series through June had been canceled.

The Zipline will not open the 2020 year. The Park office is an appointment-only up until June 14. The Office will open to the public on June 15. Motion to approve the cancellation of Concert Series in June, Zipline closure, office schedules, and the reopening of Park shelters, courts, playground, restrooms on May 24. Motion made by Lynn Adams, seconded by David Pearson. Motion carried.

President Brian Wisler is moving onto Park closures due to Covid-19. Aquatic Center is categorized as a water park. The earliest water parks could have open is June 14 at 50% capacity. It does not make sense to open the Aquatic Center with all the stipulations placed on water parks. Supt. Callahan continued with some of the requirements set on water parks would be to cut our max load to 50%, sanitize railing, gates, and deck chairs after each user. Social distancing is a must, but lifeguards could not do the policing. Also, all employees would need to wear a face mask. The way our bathhouse is designed, social distancing is not possible. Member Mark Taylor asked would it be possible to keep the splash pad open. Supt. Callahan responded, "No." Guidelines for splash pads are to keep touchable areas disinfected continuously.

Assistant Superintendent Wilson talked about the closure of school-age camps.

REC Camp cannot open. The Park cannot get into the school until June 30. For PAC camp, CDC guidelines all changed from the original instructions. Staff would need to wear masks eight hours of the day. Working in a cover with 80-degree temperatures is not ideal. In case of inclement weather, we do not have enough indoor space social distance 60 campers. Field Trips would not be available. The pool is closed. All groups must remain the same. With all the restrictions, we would not be able to provide a top-notch program.

Supt. Callahan also pointed out that if one-person contracted COVID-19, the operation would need to shut down. Member Erin Bechtold showed concern about our community kids and their need for social interactions. She asked what possibility the Park can provide a way for children to interact socially. Asst. Superintendent

Wilson said the Park is looking at some informal recreational (do it yourself) activities. Also, the Park is looking at A-Camp-in-a Box. It is hard to come up with things and still social distance with kids. Supt. Callahan said times are so dynamic, and things are changing, we could call a special park board meeting to revisit if guidelines are relaxing.

President Brian Wiser reports youth sports can begin June 14. Spring baseball season has been canceled. Soccer canceled their spring season. Fall soccer and baseball will start practicing after June 14. Concert series has been canceled in June. As of now, the producers are adding a July 17, August 7, and September 26 date. That would give the concert series five concerts instead of seven. The actions are pending Stage 5 reopening plan.

Fourth of July fireworks will go as planned. Pioneer Park closed to the public with no entertainment options. For the community to see the fireworks better, the more massive fireworks display will be shot off toward the front of the Park, being aware of the legal distance between fireworks and the street. Moving the fireworks to the front of the Park will enable families to enjoy the fireworks but keep a social distance. Supt. Callahan is speaking with the police department to make sure we are not creating a problem on the outlying streets of the Park and having a police presence at the Park.

Old Settlers and Acoustic Festival are still on schedule for August 9, 10, and 11.

Motion to close Aquatic Center, PAC, REC and Little Tykes, youth leagues to begin June 14, adding additional dates to concert series, modifying the Fourth of July fireworks, and proceeding as scheduled with the Old Settler and Acoustic festival Motion made by David Pearson, seconded by Danny Shaw. Motion carried (6 to 1).

RECU proposal with Mooresville schools was placed into a two-year contract by the schools. With the stipulations, we can negotiate fees at the end of each year. Member Mark Taylor would like to see the RECU contract that the school drafted. President Brian Wiser tabled the discussion until all members can view the RECU contract with Mooresville Schools.

Assistant Superintendent Wilson discussed the partnership of River Plate Indiana and Komets soccer. River Plate will provide clinics to Komets coaches and players to grow and develop. The partnership will not affect our Park contract with Komets soccer. According to Komets soccer, the partnership would not overextend the Park. There will be three other locations to do travel tryouts. Member Erin Bechtold would like to ask more questions because the information she received said the two clubs are fused. "Two clubs crafted with purpose." Bechtold would like to know what the weekly schedule would look like and increased traffic through the week with the clinics. Member Mark Taylor wants to discuss more on the growth of Komets. Taylor does not know how much more Pioneer Park can take of Komet's growth. Dave Davis, Komets President, will be asked to come to the June meeting for more discussion. Member Perry King would like to see in writing what the partnership means and what impact the partnership is to Pioneer Park. Member Perry King would like for the Park attorney to look at the written proposal to protect the future of the Park.

President Brian Wiser asked the members to approve the request for the Tri-Kappa Fall Mum sale on September 12 using Shelter 4. The request was also to waive the fee of the shelter rental. Motion to approve Tri-Kappa Fall Mum sale waiving shelter rental fee. Motion made by Mark Taylor, seconded by Erin Bechtold. Motion carried.

Asst. Superintendent Wilson informed the board that registration for camps accidentally opened on May 5. Shut down on May 6. We will contact all program participants and start refunding money.

Supt Callahan gave an update on the tornado damage insurance claim. The report will be emailed to each board member. The main concern is the limestone at Bicentennial Park. The insurance company is suggesting soda blast the limestone.

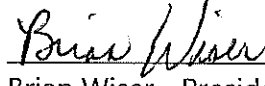
Another interest would be the scout cabin at Old Town Park. There was damage to the roof. Supt. Callahan asked the board should the roof of the scout cabin be replaced, or do we have another option? Member Lynn Adams expressed her interest in the scout cabin and would hate to see the cabin go. Member Mark Taylor said the cabin is disintegrating and why put a new roof on something that is deteriorating. In the past, we had a quote to rebuild the cabin for \$55,000. Member Perry King said if Park's money were to replace the cabin, the cabin would need to be available to the public, not just the scouts. Supt. Callahan said the scouts need to start showing interest, and there has not been any interest in upkeep of the scout cabin. Member Lynn Adams tabled the discussion until she can talk with former scout leaders. If the scouts have any interest in the cabin, this is the time to step up.

Superintendent Callahan asked the board if the donation fund could purchase a water bottle filling station. Once Callahan can get a price quote, he will present the quote to the board. Motion to use the donation fund to purchase a water bottle filling station by the lower bathroom. Motion made by Mark Taylor, seconded by Lynn Adams. Motion carried.

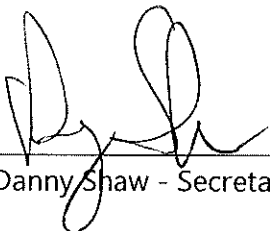
Claims approved as presented. Motion made by David Pearson, seconded by Perry King. Motion carried.

The next meeting is June 8, 2020, at 7:00 pm at the Mooresville Government Center per Town Council request.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm by David Pearson, seconded by Danny Shaw. Motion carried.



Brian Wiser - President



Danny Shaw - Secretary