



Noblesville Parks and Recreation Board Minutes February 4, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Todd Thurston, Scott Noel, Marcia Granger, and Donna Clark.

OTHERS PRESENT: Brandon Bennett, Director; Mike Hoffmeister, Assistant Director; Sherry Faust, Board Secretary; Nichole Haberlin, Recreation Director; Sadie Reecer, The Times.

CALL TO ORDER: President Thurston called the meeting to order at 7:09pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: President Thurston asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. President Thurston asked for the approval of the Agenda. Ms. Granger moved to approve the Agenda as presented and Ms. Clark seconded this motion. No further discussion was held and the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of January 7, 2015 Board Meeting. President Thurston asked for the approval of the January 7, 2015 minutes. Ms. Clark moved to approve the minutes for January 7, 2015 as presented and Mr. Thurston seconded this motion. No further discussion was held and the motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL:

1. **Approval of Claims for** February 10 and February 24, 2015. Ms. Granger moved to approve the claims as presented totaling \$52,522.52. Ms. Clark seconded this motion and the motion passed unanimously.
2. **Transfers and Appropriations:** None

Ms. Clark inquired about the fund report for December. She wondered if this was the year end balances of the accounts. Mr. Bennett said that it was. Discussion was held.

REPORTS

- **Recreation Report – Nichole Haberlin**

Ms. Haberlin said she had learned a lot from Susie Davis. Ms. Haberlin said she was looking forward to her new goals and plans she has too. Ms. Haberlin then reviewed her report with the Board that she had submitted in the Board packet. Discussion was held. (See attachment)

Mr. Bennett said that at the February 25th Board meeting, the staff would have a list of the new programs the Recreation will be offering. Mr. Bennett also told the Board about the new mobile app that is being put together through REACH for the Parks Recreation platform.

- **Assistant Director Report – Mike Hoffmeister**

Mr. Hoffmeister said the 2015 planning is in full swing; Street Dance, Fourth of July, Bed Race, all of these meetings have started as well as the Parks Dept. events, such as Summer Concerts and everything. He is presently meeting three or four times a week with sponsors or partnering or people looking to give money. Mr. Hoffmeister then told the Board how the Parks Dept. is involved with Peoplocity and how it works. The website is peoplocity.com. He said they are hoping to create real time feedback at events though the use of this tool. Mr. Hoffmeister also said that the Park Board had a team for the Bowl-A-Thon and he needed 5 bowlers. Also there will be a Noblesville Foundation team and a Golf team.

- **Director of Golf**
No Report

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on Fox Prairie capital improvements

A. Bridges

Mr. Bennett said the bridges are about 80% done. He said there are two pedestrian bridges left to install as well as the new cart bridge on old 15 or 6 East. Mr. Bennett said they will be finished in a week or two depending on weather. He reported that the Engineer Department is going to put a small contract out to do the approaches in concrete instead of asphalt.

B. Flooring

Mr. Bennett said he hoped that the Board had noticed when they came in the new carpet and the replacement of the Mondo flooring with tile that looks like a wood floor in the Pro Shop. Mr. Bennett said he was very pleased with it.

2. Ivy Tech update

Mr. Bennett said they were to have a meeting with Ivy Tech last Friday, but no one was there, because of an error on Ivy Tech with the time. The meeting has been rescheduled for February 20th.

3. Federal Hill Park update

Mr. Bennett said they are in the process of wrapping up the design elements of this project. There were some changes that needed to be made based on needs that had to be met, as well as working with Main Street on the market area. They do have a deadline to complete this design which is by May.

4. Eastside Park house update

Mr. Bennett said at the last meeting he informed the Board that the tenant was leaving. Mr. Bennett and some of his staff have been out to look at the house and they have some major clean up to do to the house, garage and barn. Mr. Bennett said there has already been vandalism with windows being broken out, but Mr. Randy Neff has now boarded up all of the windows and the facility is secure.

NEW BUSINESS

1. ITM Lease

Mr. Bennett distributed first to the Board and example of what he plans on during with the Park Board agenda items, which is a more detail background for the topics. This form will give the Board more information prior to the meetings. (See attachment)

Mr. Bennett said that the staff is recommending to the Board the approval of the lease as presented. He did inform the Board there were a couple of changes from the copies they received in their packet. The copy that will be signed this evening is the corrected copy. Mr. Bennett then reviewed the changes with the Board. They have been doing a better job with the visual appearance at the facility. Mr. Bennett said that the communication with ITM is much better and ITM would like to come to a Park Board meeting to coordinate calendars.

President Thurston asked for a motion to approve the lease. Ms. Clark moved to approve the ITM lease as presented and Ms. Granger seconded this motion. No further discussion was held and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Hague Road Nature Haven Grant request

Mr. Bennett said that as a point of information that what was submitted in October for a grant partnering with the American Water Company and the National Recreation Park Association, the department was notified in January the department is a finalist. The department

had to resubmit with new questions and new data; that is what the application was in the Board packets. The department had applied for a grant for \$150,000.00 which is to do a nature playground at Hague Road Nature Haven. Then some funds would be taken from the Impact Fees to compliment of different areas of the park to make it accessible. Mr. Bennett said they will know in March if they received the grant and the money will be awarded in April. Discussion was held.

3. 5 year Master Plan Introduction

Mr. Bennett said he was just going to talk a little about this topic tonight. In about two weeks he will have an electronic copy to send to the Board. He said he would like to hold a work session/ public meeting on February 25th from 6pm – 7pm, prior to the Park Board meeting and would like to hold this meeting at City Hall per the Board’s approval. In conjunction with this Master Plan, the Recreation Division and the Golf Division have given the department a 5 year goal list and Mr. Bennett and Mr. Hoffmeister have worked through the Administrative goals. After the Board reviews the document and it is finalized, Mr. Bennett said he would like to have it approved then at the April 1st Park Board meeting.

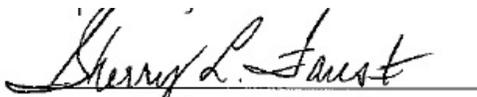
President Thurston asked for a motion to approve the change of location of the February 25th Park Board Meeting with a work session/public meeting beginning at 6pm followed by the Park Board meeting at 7pm. Ms. Granger moved to approve the change of location of the Park Board meeting on February 25th to City Hall and Ms. Clark seconded this motion. No further discussion was held and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bennett reviewed the upcoming events with the Park Board.

With no other business to discuss, Mr. Scott Noel made a motion to adjourn and Ms. Marcia Granger seconded this motion. President Thurston adjourned the meeting at 8:15PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Approved 2/25/2015


Sherry L. Faust, Secretary


Todd Thurston, Vice-President

Next meeting: **Wednesday, February 25, 2015 7:00 PM**, City Hall.