

Muncie Park & Recreation Board Meeting

September 16, 2014 at 6:00p.m.

City Hall Auditorium

President, Carl Malone called the meeting to order. Mr. Malone asked for everyone to stand for a moment of silence and participate in the pledge of allegiance.

II. Roll Call: Carl Malone (Present), Joann Miller (Present), Yolanda Carey (Absent), Beverly Kelley (Present), and Adrian Leavell (Absent).

III. Approval of the July Board Meeting Minutes was so moved by Joann Miller seconded by Beverly Kelley and unanimously approved by the board.

IV. The Superintendent's Report was given by Harvey Wright. (See attached report) Clifton – Wallace Park will be finished by the end of this month . We have to put some gravel down and the bike racks, then we will be ready for the ribbon cutting ceremony.

V. Event Applications Requesting the use of McCulloch Park & Heekin Park for the 2015 Homecoming Festival will be carried over to November meeting.

VI. Prairie Creek Report - was given by Ivan Gregory. (See attached report)

The hayride for Halloween will start at 6p.m. at the Campground.

They are hoping to have the disc golf course ready by the Spring.

VII Old Business

- a. The Unity Center Update – Harvey Wright said that Park & Recreation will continue to run the programing. The Unity Board Members can start doing some fund raising. These organizations teaming up together can really have a fantastic program. This is not only for kids, the seniors citizens have a place they can go that is safe and socialize in the morning and afternoon before the kids get out of school. The kids have basketball leagues and other games going on. They are having a job fair this week. There are a lots of things that are taking place at the Unity Center.

- b. Appeal to the Great Spirit - Harvey Wright reported that the electric is completed. We will be using low profile lighting. Duke Campbell has a couple poles that we can use for lighting, but we have to tease out the sidewalk so we can anchor the new poles. Hopefully, this project is finished by the end of the year.

VIII. New Business

- a. Seniors in the Park – Beverly Kelley reported that this month the seniors are from Forest Park center. They want to go to Westside Park Shelter #4 on Sept, 24, at 11a.m. The lunch will be served by Lee's Famous Chicken on Wheeling Ave. We want to thank Mits Bus for transporting the Seniors in the Park, and all the people who volunteer to help every month. After this month we will start serving lunch on Thursdays in October.

IX. Other Business

- a. None

X. Action Items:

- a. None

XI. Public Input Three-Minute Limit; Please state your name and address

- a. Myrna Robertson reported on the Summer Youth Program this summer. Kalie Fletcher is a volunteer from Yorktown High School. We had 1151 kids participate in the program. The daily count is 400 or more a day that came to the Unity Center. Some of the kids wrote thank you notes to the volunteers and staff. The kids really appreciated the program. It was a learning process for both the kids and volunteers. Carl Malone wants to thank the community, volunteers and all the staff that make the program possible. The budget was over because of the staffing, salary, and shirts.
- b. Jonathan Evens reported on a need for credit card app at Prairie Creek. I stay out at Prairie Creek quite often. I sell an app "Pass port parking" for parking lot that you can use in Indianapolis. I would like to be able to pay for my camp site, from my I-Phone. Mr. Evens showed the app that he had on his I pad. Carl Malone suggested that he get with Harvey Wright and Ivan Gregory. "We need to get in the twentieth century."

Carl Malone called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Beverly Kelley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joann Miller.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Next meeting will be at 6 p.m. at City Hall on November 18, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Rude, Secretary

Superintendent Report

September 16, 2014

The mowing season is just about over and we have laid off 6 of our part timers.

We are finishing up the sidewalk at the new Clifton – Wallace Park on West Charles Street and then we will be finished.

We are waiting on pad to be paved at Heekin Park so we can have the new shelter put up. Hopefully this will be done in the next 2 weeks.

Urban Forestry is still cutting down City trees in the Parks and City Streets. The City has a long way to go before they will be finished.

The Parks Department removed and refurbished a merry go round at Westside Park that had been vandalized. Once it was repaired, sand blasted, and painted it was put back up in Westside Park.

The Parks Department and Sanitary District had a City Auction on 9-12-14 and a total of \$36,500 was generated from the sale.

The Parks Department along with a grant from Community Development has purchased new metal signs that will be put up in the Parks. The old wooden sign have seen better days.

At the next meeting the Parks will have a list of rental cost for tents, bouncy houses, and other items that can be rented for activities in the City Parks.

Harvey Wright

Parks and Recreation Superintendent

SEPTEMBER PARK BOARD MEETING

- Events at PCR:
 - Camp Prairie Creek on July 28-Aug 1
 - Approximately 65 kids per day
- Labor Day Holiday went off without a hitch
 - The weather didn't cooperate with guests
- Lake City Skiers put on two shows on Saturday afternoon of the Holiday weekend
- Our first season with the new Beach house was great
 - Looking forward to next season
 - The beach is closed for the season and winterizing of the new facilities will begin October 4
- Boating and Camping season officially ends October 31st
 - Boats will need to be removed from the lake
- Upcoming Events:
 - Hayride and Trick or Treating will be held in the campground on Saturday October 18th
- Preparations for winter will begin soon