

Muncie Park & Recreation Board Meeting

January 20, 2015 at 6:00p.m.

City Hall Auditorium

Vice-President, Beverly Kelley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Kelley asked everyone to stand for the pledge of allegiance.

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

III. Election of Park Board Officers: Yolanda Carey nominated Beverly Kelley, for President of the board and asked that nominations be closed. Seconded by Joann Miller. Motion approved. Beverly Kelley was unanimously elected by those present.

Yolanda Carey nominated Carl Malone, for Vice-President and moved for nominations to be closed. Seconded by Joann Miller. Motion approved. The election of Carl Malone was unanimous by those members present.

IV. Approval of the November Board Meeting Minutes was so moved by Joann Miller seconded by Yolanda Carey and unanimously approved by members present.

V. The Superintendent's Report was given by Harvey Wright. These are the parks accomplishments for 2014:

Heekin Park new basketball court and 3 new lights in the basketball area. New benches for players.

New shelter in Heekin Park at 9th and Penn Street.

New volleyball court at Morningside Park.

Planted 22 new trees with 108 more trees to be planted as weather allows.

Helped people get wood to heat home for the winter using wood from trees that had to come down due to being dead and the Emerald Ash Bore.

We installed two new pieces of playground equipment at Westside Park. We will be putting more in, in 2015.

Opened a new Park on Charles Street called Clifton-Wallace Park.

Opened a second Dog Park in Heekin Park, just west of the Fire Station.

Replaced lighting and flagpole at I & M Park along the White River.

Completed the Parks 3rd year of Seniors in the Park with the help of **Lee's** Famous Recipe and Mits Bus.

Started Business People In The Park with help from Olive Garden.

Partnered with the Unity Center to allow year round programs in the Parks.

Finished trails at the south end of Prairie Creek Reservoir.

Opened a new bathhouse at Prairie Creek Reservoir.

Opened 5 new cabins for rental at the Prairie Creek Campground.

Finished a 9 holes disc golf course with glow in the dark baskets at Prairie Creek Reservoir.

Projects being started or in progress going into 2015:

Cornerstone Gateway at Main & Madison Street.

Passing of the Great Spirit. The statue will be checked for cleaning.

All new metal Parks signs in the Parks system.

I would like to recognize the foundations and organizations that have made all these projects possible in 2014:

** Ball Brothers Foundation

**Community Foundation

**George and Frances Ball Foundation

** Community Development

A special Thanks to the Street Department and Sanitary District for all they have done to help the Parks Department with these projects.

A Thank You to the Parks Board for all they do in helping in the Parks and programming at the Unity Center. Thanks for all their support and I look forward to another successful year in 2015.

Harvey Wright wanted to Thank Ivan Gregory and his employees at Prairie Creek when they put in and take out the piers in the cold water. “ That is a job not many employees want to do. I want to Thank Roger Overbey for filming all the meetings and special events in the parks and Theresa Rude for all she does for the Board and the Parks Office.”

VI. Event Applications -

- a. None

VII. Prairie Creek - Report was given by Ivan Gregory;

January 1st – We had a good turnout at the beach for our 3rd Annual Polar Plunge with 17 people jumping in the water.

The ATV trails had about 50 riders participate on New Year’s Day.

America Multi-Sport had a Viking Winter Dash/Trail Run on January 17th

Special Events for 2015 have been added to the Calendar (attachment)

More events will be added as necessary

Piers and campsite invoices for 2015 have been sent out

We have started taking camping reservations for the 2015 season and they are filling up quickly. People make reservations for a date and then about two weeks out we contact the person for payment.

All the piers are out of the water. We are making the necessary repairs to decking and walk boards.

We have been working with AEP to provide better lighting at the boat launch to improve security.

Prairie Creek is working on getting credit cards in place for payment.

VIII. Old Business

- a. Unity Center update: Tabled until next meeting.

IX. New Business

- a. Sledding in McCulloch Park: Harvey Wright reported that bales of straw have been put around the trees and rocks that go down derby hill. We will put signs up that say, “**Sled at your own Risk.**” There will also be signs put up at Indian Hill at Prairie Creek Reservoir.
- b. Seniors In The Parks: Beverly Kelley reported that we are going on our 3rd year. This month we will be entertaining Alpha Center Seniors at Cabin #3 in Heekin Park. We want to thank **Lee’s** Famous Recipe Chicken and Mits Bus for helping us provide this service to our community, the volunteer and the Muncie Park Employee who help set up this event every month.

X. Other Business:

a. Harvey Wright is reporting on purchasing three new truck for the Parks Department and Prairie Creek Reservoir. We got three bids: American Chevrolet was the lower of the three bids at \$68,589.11. We will make 2 payments a year for 5 years, at\$7,076.35 Star Bank holding the titles. We had four trucks down for repairs until after the first of the year. This is 36,000 miles or 3 years on repairs. Beverly Kelley entertained a motion to purchase the three trucks and the financial package. Yolanda Carey made a motion to purchase 3 trucks and the Star Bank financial package, seconded by Joann Miller. Motion carried by all members present.

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

- a. None

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Next meeting will be at 6 p.m. at City Hall on March 17, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Rude, Secretary