

Muncie Park & Recreation Board Meeting

January 19, 2016 at 6:04 p.m.

City Hall Auditorium

President, Beverly Kelley called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Ms. Kelley asked everyone to stand for the pledge of allegiance.

II. Roll Call: Chase Winkle (Present), 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 seconded by Chase Winkle. Beverly Kelley called for a vote. Motion approved. Beverly Kelley was unanimously elected President by those present.

Chase Winkle nominated Yolanda Carey, for Vice-President and seconded by Joann Miller. Beverly Kelley called for the vote. Motion approved. Yolanda Carey unanimously elected Vice-President 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. He welcomed Chase Winkle, our new Park Board member to the meeting. Mr. Wright wanted to thank Carl Malone for all his hard work that he did while he was on the Park Board.

This will be the first year that the Parks Department has run the Summer Program. Yolanda Taylor and Carl Malone will be taking some of the kids to different colleges. They will be running a lot of programs this summer.

Mr. Wright went over some of the accomplishments in 2015; All the Park cabins were reroofed, along with 3 shelters and 1 storage building. We purchased 2 new bleachers, a stage on wheel, and a garage on the corner of Madison and Kirby Street. We have new metal signs in all the Parks. Legion Baseball team is returning to Lafferty Field in McCulloch Park.

The Urban Forester has cut down over 100 dead trees including ash trees. We still have a lot more to take down, but we will be replacing trees like crazy.

Here are some of the projects that are scheduled for 2016: Finished roofing the rest of the Shelters in the Parks; painted and repaired exterior of cabins, finished the refurbishing baseball diamonds at Westside and Heekin Parks and installed soccer goals at Westside, Ball Corp., Heekin and McCulloch Parks. We would to thank the Muncie Community Schools for the soccer goals and the scoreboards. We are going to install reconditioned scoreboards at Westside and Heekin Parks. We are to get a new informational/digital sign installed at Heekin Park.

VI. Event Applications -NONE

VII. Prairie Creek - Report was given by Ivan Gregory: They have been repairing and painting decking for the piers. They have built 25 new picnic tables and are still installing water and electrical service to 13 existing seasonal primitive sites. The Campground Shelter was torn down and are waiting on a company to start building a new metal shelter. The new Rock Shelter was torn down and the existing was replaced with a metal shelter.

VIII. Old Business NONE

IX. New Business: Monthly Concert in the Parks - We have purchased 2 bleacher sets on wheels and a portable stage on wheels. We just have to train the Parks employees how to set them up. We have a new P.A. system to go along with having entertainment in the parks. We are going to entertain in the parks at least twice a month. I am working on getting private sponsors for the activities and they will all be planned ahead of time. This is free to the public.

X. Other Business: NONE

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

- a. None

President Kelley took this time to welcome Mr. Winkle back to the Park Board.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Next meeting will be at 6 p.m. at City Hall on March 15, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Rude, Secretary