

# Muncie Parks & Recreation Board Meeting

**January 20, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.**

**City Hall Auditorium**

I. President Bev Kelley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. She then asked everyone to stand for a brief moment of silence, followed by the pledge of allegiance, explanation of how the meeting will be conducted to keep it orderly and timely as well as give everyone an opportunity to speak.

**Roll Call:** President Bev Kelley, Yolanda Carey, Debbie Feick present for meeting. Absent was Chase Winkle due to Police Academy School. Also absent Adrian Leavell.

An introduction and welcome to new Park Board member Debbie Feick by Harvey Wright. She is filling the seat vacated by Joanne Miller.

Harvey also added that the mayor's appointment to the Park Board is Bev Kelley.

Harvey also recognized two Park Dept. workers Darryl McKinney present and Tommy Carey absent due to officiating at basketball game. They received certificates from the city of Muncie for finding a person at Westside Park frozen to the ground. The man was still alive. They called for help and ambulance personnel stated it was one of the worst cases of frostbite they had seen.

II. Bev Kelley opened the floor for nomination of Park Board officers for 2017, for President and Vice President.

Nomination of President by Yolanda Carey, Debbie Feick second nomination vote was unanimous. Bev Kelley accepted the vote for President. Also Debbie Feick nominated Yolanda Carey for Vice President. Bev Kelley seconded the nomination. Unanimous vote for Vice President Yolanda Carey. She accepted the nomination.

III. **Approval of the Minutes** Motion to approve by Bev Kelley and seconded by Yolanda Carey. Unanimous vote by Park Board members

III. **The Superintendent's Report** was given by Harvey Wright. Details and explanations were discussed at this time. This will be the first year Muncie Parks will be running Tuhey Pool. We will move the Muncie Parks office to the corner of Hackley and Memorial with a digital sign doing more at the smaller parks around town, such as local bands putting on concerts each month and talking about doing a Ron Bonham Day at Prairie Creek with the help of sponsors. This will be a first time in many years that we've done this event. (See attached report)

IIII. **Event Applications**- None at this time.

IV. **The Prairie Creek Report** was given by Ivan Gregory. Details were presented, followed by a question and answer session. (See attached Report)

V. **Old Business:**

A.) Rate increases at Prairie Creek- Harvey Wright

There will be no rate increases at this time. One thing they want to do is meet with campers to discuss future plans and get their input about changes at Prairie Creek.

VI. **New Business:**

A.) Monthly concert series in Parks- Harvey Wright

VII. **Other Business:**

This is a call to the audience that may have an item that needs the Boards vote.

VIII. **Action Items:** None at this time.

IX. **Public Input-** Three minute Limit- Please state your name and address.

\*Troy Inskeep- 1431 S. Walnut St. Muncie In. He reviewed a nonrenewal letter from the Park Board members not to allow him to remain at Prairie Creek campground for 2017. Megan Quirk (city attorney) spoke up to clarify the letter stating Mr. Inskeep is not allowed to renew his lease for boat pier and or campsite for 2017 at this time. He is also asked to remove any and all personal things. He received this letter on Dec. 5, 2016 in regards to disorderly conduct, harassing woman going to bathroom and acting like he was security. Mr. Inskeep denies any accusations against him stating he doesn't wear a hat or shirt that has security on them.

Megan Quirk is the City of Muncie attorney. Every year the city of Muncie reviews any issues that come up in Oct. The letter about Mr. Inskeep was brought to her attention at this a time. It further came to light that at this time he was carrying a firearm to the park which is in violation of park rules #11 and rule #24 which states that campers need

to be respectful of other campers around them. The Park Dept. has a discretion whether or not to terminate a lease for noncompliance of the stated rules.

At the end of season 2016, it was decided and determined by the department to bring forward the request not to renew Mr. Inskeep's lease at Prairie Creek.

There were two different issues that come up about Mr. Inskeep at Prairie Creek.

#1 Mr. Inskeep was approaching other campers several times stating he was security and acting as such. He also had a gun on him which was visible to others. There are no guns allowed in the city parks. That is in direct violation of Park's code #95.04.

#2 Mr. Inskeep was trying to control or monitor other campers such as trying to enforce the quiet time rules which he himself was monitoring instead of calling the proper authorities.

Therefore we're asking for the board to confirm the decision made on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 not to reinstate Mr. Inskeep for the year 2017 only.

There were two people that spoke on behalf of Mr. Inskeep.

Debra Kirkwood 15041 N. cr. 400 E. Eaton, In. .

She stated she was glad to see Mr. Inskeep there. It made her feel safer and he never acted out towards anyone or saw him carry a gun. He's nice to everyone.

Sharon Adkins 211 S. Main St. Montpelier, In

She stated Mr. Inskeep makes people feel safe. They've had times out there when they have been scared and Mr. Inskeep makes them feel safer. He doesn't bother people. He stays inside his camper.

At this time Mr. Inskeep came forward to ask the Board to reconsider letting him stay as a camper .He also denied any allegations against him. Yolanda Carey asked him the question about wearing a hat or jacket that states security on either one. He denied ever wearing anything that said security on it. Also Bev Kelly spoke to him about city ordinances stating no guns permitted on Parks grounds and there have been people talking about seeing Mr. Inskeep with guns. He denied ever carrying a gun on Parks grounds.

At this time Yolanda Carey asked Ivan Gregory if security at Prairie Creek wore uniforms marked security on them. He stated yes. These people are clearly marked.

Megan Quirk at this time stated they have eyewitnesses seeing Mr. Inskeep with a gun in his possession. She also stated he does have a license to carry a gun. She also stated that Mr. Inskeep keeps saying he has proof on recording that he is not doing anything

illegal. Megan also stated that recording people without them knowing it is illegal. The main issue is having a gun on him in the park area and trying to monitor and control other peoples' enjoyment at the park. Bev asked the question to Megan about how many complaints the Parks office has received and Megan stated three were written down. There were more complaints but people didn't want to write them down for fear of retaliation.

Bev asked Ivan if he had anything to say at this time and he stated he has no vendetta against Mr. Inskeep. He's known him for a long time. Ivan also stated he acts upon the complaints received in the office. Ivan stated he works 24/7 . He's very dedicated to the parks and takes his job very seriously.

Bev Kelley stated at this time we need to take the advice of our attorney and vote whether to reinstate Mr. Inskeep camping and pier rights or to remove them for the year 2017 only.

Motion was made by Yolanda Carey not to reinstate Mr. Inskeep's privileges at Prairie Creek for 2017. Debbie Feick second the motion . It was a unanimous vote not to reinstate Troy Inskeep at Prairie Creek at this time.

Bev explained to Mr. Inskeep at this time the board has made a decision not to renew his camping and pier privileges at this time for 2017 only.

Mr. Inskeep stated he has contacted an attorney and it does involve Ivan and the city of Muncie.

No other items at this time.

Next Park board meeting will be March 21, 2017 -6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Bev. Kelley called this meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis Mills

Park Board Secretary

## Section

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State law reference—Power of city to establish and maintain parks, IC 18-1.5-1, 4.

§ 95.01 Hours parks are open.

The parks of the city shall be open to the public from 5:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. each day. No person other than employees shall be permitted to remain therein except when open as herein specified, and no person at any time shall enter or leave any park in any vehicle except by the established entrances or drives.

(Code 1968, § 95.01)

Cross reference—Penalty, § 10.99.

§ 95.02 Defacing buildings, trees, statues.

No person shall write on, cut, mutilate, or deface in any manner any building, fence, bench, masonry, statue, ornament, or tree in any public park.

(Code 1968, § 95.02)

Cross reference—Penalty, § 10.99; Injuring trees on public property, § 97.01.

§ 95.03 Vegetation.

(A) No person shall pull, pluck, break, or touch any flowers or fruit, cut down, girdle, or break down any sapling, tree, shrub, or plant; handle or injure any trees, flowers, shrubs, or plants whatsoever, or limbs, twigs, or leaves thereof; or climb any tree in any public park.

(B) No person other than an employee shall bring into any park any tree, shrub, or plant, or any newly-plucked branch or portion of a tree, shrub, or plant.

(C) No person shall go upon the grass, lawn, or turf of any park where signs inscribed "Keep off the grass" have been posted by the superintendent.

(Code 1968, § 95.03)

Cross reference—Penalty, § 10.99.

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§ 95.04 Possession and use of firearms.

No person shall discharge any firearm or have possession of any firearm within the limits of any public park.

(Code 1968, § 95.04)

Cross reference—Penalty, § 10.99.

§ 95.05 Conduct.

No person shall use profane, obscene, threatening, or abusive language, fight, throw any stone or missile, behave in any disorderly or improper manner, or commit any offense against decency or good morals in any public park.

(Code 1968, § 95.05)

Cross reference—Penalty, § 10.99.

§ 95.06 Bicycles and automobiles.

(A) Bicycles shall be strictly confined to the roadways of the public parks, shall be controlled by the same rules which govern automobiles, and shall keep and pass to the right when meeting the same. Passing from the rear to the front shall be done on the left side. Bicycles shall not travel more than two (2) abreast, nor without displaying a light in front. If it is ½ hour after sunset. When automobiles or bicycles meet, they shall keep to the right.

(B) No person shall ride or drive upon the grass, footways, or any place other than on the roads.

(Code 1968, § 95.06)

Cross reference—Penalty, § 10.99.

§ 95.07 Picnics.

No public picnic shall be held in any park without a written permit of the superintendent, in which shall be designated the place where the picnic is to be held. Picnics permitted for Sunday and secular schools must always be attended by teachers and masters of the school, who will be held personally responsible for all infractions of the rules set out in this chapter by the participants. No person shall intrude upon a picnic without the consent of those in charge of it, nor disturb any picnic within a park. Parties holding picnics in parks must clean up the ground that has been occupied by them and remove all paper and litter.

(Code 1968, § 95.07)

Cross reference—Penalty, § 10.99.

§ 95.08 Sleeping on benches; gambling.

No person shall be allowed to sleep on the benches of any park, or to beg, tell fortunes, or play at any game of chance or with any instrument of gaming in the park. Gambling and playing cards in any form are prohibited in any park.

(Code, § 95.08)

Cross reference—Penalty, § 10.99.

§ 95.09 Intoxicating beverages.

No person shall introduce any intoxicating beverages into any public park, either for his own use or for sale, or use, sell, or give away the same.

(Code 1968, § 95.09)

Cross reference—Penalty, § 10.99.

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§ 95.10 Parades, drills; public meetings and discussions.

No military, civic, or other company shall be permitted to parade, drill, or perform within any park any military evolutions or movements without the consent of the superintendent of parks. No public meetings or public discussions of any subject, religious, social, political, or other, shall be held within the limits of any public park without the consent of the superintendent of parks.

(Code 1968, § 95.10)

Cross reference—Penalty, § 10.99.

§ 95.11 Signs, notices.

No person shall paint, post, or otherwise affix any bill, notice, sign, or other paper upon any structure or thing within the park, or upon any of the gates or any part of the gates enclosing the park, except that signs may be placed or posted on the outfield fences of ball parks with written permission of the park board, and subject to rules and regulations established by the board.

(Code 1968, § 95.11; Ord. No. 57493, 10-4-93)

Cross reference—Penalty, § 10.99.

§ 95.12 Areas set aside for games; playing baseball.

Portions of the park known as McCulloch Park shall be set apart by the superintendent for ball, croquet, or other games and, where no such portion of any park is set apart for games as aforesaid, no game of baseball shall be played without the written consent of the superintendent and no person shall practice ball or intrude himself upon the players while a game is in progress.

(Code 1968, § 95.12)

Cross reference—Penalty, § 10.49.

§ 95.13 Swings on trees.

No person shall attach a swing to any tree within any park without the consent of the superintendent.

(Code 1968, § 95.13)

Cross reference—Penalty, § 10.99.

§ 95.14 Intoxicated persons.

No intoxicated person shall be permitted within any public park.

(Code 1968, § 95.14)

Cross reference—Penalty, § 10.79.

§ 95.15 Ladies' rest rooms.

No male person shall enter any toilet or restroom set apart for female persons within any park.

(Code 1968, § 95.15)

Cross reference—Penalty, § 10.99.

§ 95.16 Powers of officers and employees.

Officers and employees of any park within the city are invested with police powers. It is made the duty of such officers and employees to enforce these rules, and to that end they are empowered to make arrests.

(Code 1968, § 95.16)

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§ 95.17 Superintendent of parks.

The mayor shall appoint a suitable person as superintendent of the public parks of the city to serve for the term of one year until his successor is selected and qualified. The superintendent may be removed at any time.

(Code 1968, § 95.17)

§ 95.18 Prairie Creek Reservoir.

(A) All of the state boating laws enacted by the Indiana General Assembly are in full force and effect as to all activities on the Prairie Creek Reservoir.

(B) No person shall place, deposit, or permit to be deposited in any unsanitary manner upon public or private property below the high water line of the Prairie Creek Reservoir any sewage, garbage, waste material, or waste paper. The operation of any boat or craft on the waters of the reservoir shall be done in a manner so as not to create any unsanitary condition in or about the waters. The operators of the craft shall not pollute the waters by discharging any material amount of oil or polluting liquid or solid tending to make the water unwholesome or unfit for water supply purposes or injurious to the aquatic life therein.

(C) No person shall enter upon the reservoir property leased to the city without the permission and consent of the city, as determined by the board of park commissioners. Any entry upon such land without such permission and consent shall constitute a trespass.

(D) The board of park commissioners of the city shall have the authority to adopt rules and regulations concerning the use and activities on the Prairie Creek Reservoir. Upon adoption of the rules and regulations, the same shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the city, as well as posted on and about the Prairie Creek Reservoir premises. The violation of any of the rules and regulations shall constitute a violation of this section.

(Code 1968, § 95.18)

Cross reference—Penalty, § 10.99.

§ 95.19 Driving on park property.

No person shall drive or park any type of motorized vehicle upon the grass, pedestrian-ways, paths, or else where than on the roads, drives, and designated parking areas in all public parks and city-owned land contiguous to the White River, unless authorized to do so by the superintendent of parks.

(Ord. No. 60490, 6-24-80)

Cross reference—Penalty, § 10.99.

# Park Board Meeting Public Input Sign In Sheet

Date: 1/20/17

Name (Please Print)	Address
1. <u>TROY INSKEEP</u>	<u>1431 S. WALNUT ST. #10302</u>
2. <u>Debra Kirkwood</u>	<u>15041 NCR 400 E Fort 47335</u>
3. <u>Stacy Adkins</u>	<u>211 S Main St Montpelier VT</u>
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## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

**January 20, 2017**

### **List of work being done through the winter of 2017**

- 1. Install playground equipment at Westside Park**
- 2. Install shaded area at Tuhey Pool**
- 3. Make out Park activity calendar for 2017**
- 4. Prep for first year of City operating Tuhey Pool**
- 5. Pour 30 X 50 concrete pad for new Park Office**
- 6. Put up Soccer goals at Ball Corp Park, Mcculloch**
- 7. Put up new Park Sign and soccer goals at Guthrie Park**
- 8. Make needed repairs at Lafferty Field**
- 9. New basketball court at Cooley Park**