

Muncie Park & Recreation Board Meeting

July 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

City Hall Auditorium

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

I. Roll Call; Chase Winkle (Present), Joann Miller (Absent), Yolanda Carey (Present), Beverly Kelley (Present), and Adrian Leavell (Present).

II. Approval of the May Board Meeting Minutes was so moved by Chase Winkle seconded by Yolanda Carey and unanimously approved by members present.

III. The Superintendent's Report was given by Harvey Wright. Baseball season finished up the second week of July. We had 300 plus kids participate in the leagues at Heekin Park Diamond, which was a part of the Summer Recreation Program. The awards program will be July 23rd, from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Then on July 30th we will have the Summer Blast for the whole Summer Recreation Program. We will be using the portable stage and bleachers that day.

We had the Arts and Crafts/Yard Sale in Heekin Park this last weekend, which was a great hit. We had about 700 people attend and enjoy the music. There were about 20 vendors in attendance.

In June the Parks Department partnered up with Southern Cruisers for a Car Show at Westside Park. We had 122 cars entered, 3 motorcycles, 1 bicycle and approx. 1000 people attend this event. This is the first time since Harvey Wright has been here that we have had anything like this. We hope to have another one in the October at Heekin Park with 300 cars.

Paint the Park was done in McCulloch Park by the Whitely Neighborhood Association. They painted some areas in the Park with pastel colors to match the theme of the Whitely Neighborhood.

We will be closing down the Westside Park playground on the first Monday after Labor Day. We will be taking out the old playground equipment and putting in new

equipment and mulch. We will be adding some new equipment to Tuhey playground on the north side of North Street.

IV. Event Applications:

The Muncie Symphony Orchestra would like to have a concert in Heekin Park on May 20th, 2017. The purpose for this event is to share live orchestra concert and children activities with our community and it is free. The fee will be waved. There will be other local organizations with booths just for information material. If there is a fee for security we will pay the fee. A motion was made by Chase Winkle and seconded by Adrian Leavell. All members present approve the motion.

Stop the Violence Committee would like to have a basketball tournament in McCulloch Park on July 30, & 31, 2016. They are hoping to bring the Community together on the importance of keeping guns out of the hands of our youth. Jerel Jernigan spoke on stopping violence. There will be free t-shirt given out, long with guest speaker. The games will start about 11:00 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. on Saturday & Sunday. The rims and nets have been painted and changed. The bleachers are okay the way they are set up. Chase Winkle made the motion to accept and waved the fee, Adrian Leavell seconded the motion.

Carl Malone has a Back-to-School Youth Basketball Tournament app that was to be played in June but postponed it until August 12, 13, & 14, so I'm asking for the Board approval of the 37th Annual Youth Basketball in Heekin Park. The second application is for 35 and over at Heekin Park on August 5, 6, & 7, 2016. This tournament would help promote stop gun violence and awareness, talking with the County Officials and the program at the Unity Center, try to get more fathers and uncles involved. Adrian Leavell made the motion to accept changes on the first one, and second event as well, Chase Winkle seconded the motion. All members present approved.

V. Prairie Creek - Report was given by Harvey Wright because Ivan Gregory is on vacation.

Ivan and his staff have had a very busy July. The first weekend was Ron Bonham Day. We had to move the event to the beach because we added so much more. We have updated the electricity. The Street Department put down gravel, graded some of the roads in and out of the campground, trying to make it nice.

The second weekend was the Annual Ironman Triathlon race. Prairie Creek Reservoir in Muncie, Indiana was voted number one in the World by the participants.

You have not raced until you come to Prairie Creek Reservoir and run this course. There were more than 2,000 people in attendance. The Ironman staff did an excellent job cleaning up the property and surrounding areas.

VI. Old Business:

None

VII. New Business:

None

VIII. Other Business:

John White / Cardinal Swim Club - We the Cardinal Swim Club have been asked to host the Indiana Open Swim at Prairie Creek Reservoir on September 17, 2016. This is an all day events with different age groups. They have to rope off the course the night before and get their rafts and boats in position. We have about 400 participants plus parents from around the state who come for this swim meet. Harvey Wright informed Mr. White that they need to come to the office and fill out the paper work. Adrian Leavell made the motion to accept the event, seconded by Chase Winkle. Approved by all members present.

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

Carl Malone, 1813 N. Riley - To speak on Summer Youth Worker, the Mayor and some of the other department heads got together to put some kids to work. Carl Malone has five kids that he monitors to, then on Friday they go outside and put their lesson to work. The weather has not been the best, but we pulled weeds and painted the back boards at Heekin Park basketball court. The kids are learning how to work one day a week, Maybe next year we have a little more funding so the kids can work two or three days a week. Just helping out where we can.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Next meeting will be at 6 p.m. at City Hall on September 20, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Rude, Secretary