

Seymour Parks & Recreation Department
Board Minutes
March 13, 2023 at 4:00p.m.

Seymour Parks & Recreation Board met at Seymour City Hall on Monday, March 13th, at 4 pm. Members in attendance were Monica Riley, Kendra Zumhingst, Art Juergens, Tim Ferret, and Bethany Rust via phone. Members of the Parks Department present were Stacy Findley, Chad Keithley, Kerry Bevers, Tracey Cole, and Allycen Wheeler. Also in attendance were Public Information Specialist January Rutherford, and Neal Rose. From the Tribune, Zach Spicer attended.

Monica called the meeting to order. A motion to approve the February minutes was made by Art and seconded by Tim. Motion carried. A motion to approve the February claims was made by Tim and seconded by Art. Motion carried.

Kendra made a motion to approve both the 502 and 506-9 February balances. Tim seconded the motion. Motion carried for approval of both funds.

Old Business:

- In the February Board meeting Karen Dringenburg from Leadership Jackson County presented a proposal for the Leadership Jackson County Project she was working on. In this proposal, Karen was asking to display signage and a concrete pad with a dog print in the Parks. The Parks and Recreation Board agreed there needed to be more information on the signage before they could make any decisions. One of the concerns was the signage that has already been placed at Mellencamp Plaza from other organizations. Stacy presented the signage at Mellencamp Plaza, and Monica was inquiring how long the current signage has been there. Stacy responded by saying it has been there since 2020.
- Also discussed in the February Board meeting was what the actual signage would look like for the Leadership Jackson County Project, Karen Dringenburg with Leadership Jackson County, was presenting. Stacy presented the example that she received by email from Melanie Burgess with Leadership Jackson County. Stacy said we would have to be aware of where we would place the signage because of ADA Compliance. She said possibly a flower bed or area of mulch in the Parks would work, but she said even with that idea there is the possibility of damaging the flowers. Monica discussed that another sign in the Parks could take away from the QR code, and we don't want that either. Kendra said she still feels like there is not enough information on funding, logistics, etc. Monica suggested a Parks and Recreation Board Member, Stacy, Chad, and a member of Leadership Jackson County arrange a meeting for this particular project to gather more information. Chad said that Kendra could email any questions or concerns she may have for this Leadership Jackson County Project to Stacy, that way they can be addressed in the meeting.
- Stacy discussed the updates on Shields Park Pool. She said even if the leak were to be repaired, the design of the pool is not ideal and our goal is to have a zero entry style design. She would like to fill in the current kiddie pool and purchase additional structures for the new layout of the kiddie pool area. Stacy is currently waiting on a quote from Spear Corporation. Kendra made a motion

to approve and move forward with filling in the kiddie pool with concrete while waiting on an estimate from Spear Corporation. Bethany seconded the motion. Motion carried

Updates:

- Stacy stated that Gretchen and Neal Rose with Sno Biz had made a proposal to her to provide a fundraiser to the Parks and Recreation Department. They have proposed that on the first Saturday of each month from 4pm to dark at Shields Park to have food trucks and entertainment from live bands. If inclement weather would occur on the first Saturday, they would move the event to the following Saturday. If both of these dates happen to have inclement weather, they would cancel for that month.
The food trucks would have to have permits with the City of Seymour and each food truck would donate \$50.00 or 10% of sales, whichever would be greater, to the Parks and Recreation Department. They are asking to hold this event from the months of May-September. Art made a motion to approve and move forward with the monthly food trucks at Shields Park. Tim seconded the motion. Kendra abstained. Motion carried.
- Stacy discussed the Five Year Master Plan, saying that in 2020 the Parks and Recreation Department only had 8 programs, as of 2023, the Parks department now holds 93 programs. There have also been multiple goals reached from the Five Year Master Plan as of 2023. Stacy thanked the Parks and Recreation Board for being a part of these goals and expressed to them we are needing to set new goals to work towards.
- Stacy requested approval to sign the MOU-IDOH Grant. Kendra made a motion to approve and move forward with the signing of the MOU-IDOH Grant. Tim seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Stacy presented two quotes for Westside Park's electrical construction. Craig's Heating Air Electric Plumbing Inc quoted the job at \$11,200 and LBC Electric Inc. quoted the job at \$10,500. Stacy spoke with Stuckwisch Heating and Air also, but they were scheduled out for eight months and were not able to provide us with a quote. Kendra made a motion to approve and move forward with Craig's Heating Air Electric Plumbing Inc. Bethany seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Stacy presented two quotes for the Gaiser Park Shop roof construction. Amish Roofers Metal and Shingles quoted the job at \$24,708 and Goecker Construction Inc. quoted the job at \$21,389 however, Goecker Construction Inc. subcontracts their labor and were unable to provide a start time on this project. Stacy also spoke to Randy Shuler, but he did not submit a quote to her. Kendra made a motion to approve and move forward with Amish Roofers Metal and Shingles. Art seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Stacy enlightened the Board of the new property that has been given to the Parks and Recreation Department from the City of Seymour. She said this park will not be a park with a playground, it will be more natural crushed stone, trees, and wetlands. This property is located off of the new Burkart Blvd extension.
- Stacy discussed Parks and Recreation Department Grants for 2023. The grants are as follows:
 - Indiana Arts Commission
 - This grant is for \$4,000 to paint an outdoor mural on the back of the Community Center by Laura Martin
 - AARP

- This grant is for another Pickleball Court at Gaiser Park
- Scotts Turf Builder
 - This grant is for bases, pitchers mound, and upgrading the sod at Shields Big Diamond
- Seymour Main Street
 - This grant is for an indoor mural at the Community Center in the main room
- Indiana American Water
 - This grant is for a detention pond area at Freeman Field Recreational Area
- JCBank
 - This \$500 grant was awarded to upgrade electronics in the offices of the Parks and Recreation Department

Program/Leagues Update:

- Pampered Tea for Two - This event is scheduled for April 15, 2023 from 10a.m.-noon. Ally discussed how this event was sold out in the five days of advertising on Facebook. Also, there is a possibility that we may try to hold two of these events in the future.
- Soccer Registration - Chad said the registration closed on February 17th, and there are currently 585 participants enrolled in Youth Spring Soccer.
- Banner Ads are available for purchase
- Spring Mixology Class - This event is scheduled for April 22, 2023 from 5p.m.-8p.m. There are currently 13 individuals registered for this event.
- Jackson County Park Hop - This is a program Parks and Recreation sponsors along with Jackson County Public Library, and Purdue Extension. This program is affiliated with the Summer Reading Program
- Senior Prom - Ally said this event brought in 30 participants, and they all seemed to enjoy themselves.

Park Incidents:

- N/A

Reservation Requests:

- Su Casa would like to reserve Crossroads Park on March 22, 2023 from 5:30 p.m.- 8 p.m. They have submitted their rental agreement, and will be submitting their COI. Kendra motioned to approve and Tim seconded. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Business:

- N/A

Kendra made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tim seconded. Motion carried.

The next Parks Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 10th, at 4:00pm