

Seymour Parks & Recreation Department
Board Minutes
September 11, 2023 at 4 pm

Seymour Parks & Recreation Board met at Seymour City Hall on Monday, September 11, at 4 p.m. Members in attendance were Bethany Rust, Kendra Zumhingst, Art Juergens, and Tim Ferret. Members of the Parks Department present were Stacy Findley, Chad Keithley, Tracey Cole, Kerry Bevers, and Allycen Wheeler. Also in attendance were Mayor Matthew Nicholson, Public Information Specialist January Rutherford, and Bridget Deaton . From the Tribune, Zach Spicer attended.

Mayor Matthew Nicholson called the meeting to order. A motion to approve the August minutes was made by Kendra and seconded by Art. Motion carried. A motion to approve the August claims was made by Bethany and seconded by Tim. Motion carried.

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

Updates:

- Stacy announced the Parks and Recreation Department has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from RDC. With this grant we will be able to install two new pickleball courts at Gaiser Park, which will then give us the opportunity to begin a pickleball league.
- The Parks and Recreation Department was awarded a \$1,000 grant from The Indiana Arts Commission to have a mural painted on the back of the Seymour Community Center building. Stacy informed the Parks Board the mural has been completed by Laurie Martin, and we will be having a Mural Ribbon Cutting to present a check in the amount of \$1,000 to Laurie Martin for the Seymour Arts Club. This event will take place on Friday, Sept. 29, 2023, at 12:30 p.m., in the parking lot behind the Seymour Community Center.
- Stacy informed the Parks and Recreation Board that Play Pros has reached out to her and stated they will start the installation of the playgrounds for Gaiser Park, Freeman Field Recreational Area, Westside Park, and Kasting Park in October.
- Stacy stated Eagle Scout Will Kratoska has completed the beehive hotel at Shields Park. She said it may take a couple years for bees to move in, but the hotel is complete.

Park Incidents: None

Program/Leagues Update:

- Men's Fall Softball/Co-Ed Softball - Registration started on July 10, 2023. The men's league will start on Sept. 20, 2023. They will have a short season; three weeks of league play and three weeks of tournament play. There are 4 teams signed up to participate in the men's fall league.
- Denim and Diamonds - This event happened on Sept. 9, 2023, at Crossroads Park. This event had a great turnout!
- Adult Kickball - Registration started July 10, 2023. This league will start on September 19, 2023 at 6pm at Kasting Park. There are 4 teams signed up to participate in this league.

- Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration - This event will be held at Shields Park, Sept. 15, 2023, from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. There will be face painting, magic show, traditional games, traditional dancing, and Brenda's Food Truck.
- Zumba in the Park - This activity will take place on Wednesday evenings in September, starting at 5:45 p.m., at Crossroads Park.
- All-Inclusive Play - This event will take place on Sept. 16, 2023, at Boys & Girls Club of Seymour, from 10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. There are currently 4 individuals signed up to participate in this event.
- Bleached Pumpkin & Fresh Floral Arrangement - This event will take place on Sept. 29, 2023, at Seymour Community Center, from 6-8 p.m. Jubilee Flowers and Gifts will be hosting the event, the cost is \$35 per person, and limited to 25 people. There are currently 20 individuals signed up to participate in this event.
- Women's Winter Volleyball/Co-Ed Winter Volleyball - Registration started on Sept. 1, 2023. The women's league will start on Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2023. The Co-Ed league will start on Sunday, Nov. 5, 2023.
- Candle Making Workshop - This event will take place on Oct. 14, 2023, at Seymour Community Center, from 2-4 p.m. Carrie Kruse of Blow this Candle Co. will be hosting the event, and the cost is \$40 per person. There are currently 6 individuals signed up to participate in this event.
- Christmas Parade of Lights - This event will take place on Saturday, Dec. 16, 2023. The parade line up will start at 5 p.m. and the parade is set to start at 5:30 p.m. The plans for the parade route are still being discussed. There will also be Christmas fireworks, activities at the K of C lot, and the FOP will be serving hot chocolate.

Reservation Requests:

- Sasha Sitterding with Jackson County Chamber requested to reserve Crossroads Park on Dec. 2, 2023, from 6 - 8:30 p.m. She has submitted the rental agreement and COI for the event. Kendra motioned to approve the reservation and Bethany seconded. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Business:

- Stacy stated that permits have been approved, and WPC is on the calendar to begin work on the kiddie pool in the fall.

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

The next Parks Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 16, at 4 p.m.