

GOSHEN PARKS AND RECREATION PARK BOARD MINUTES

Date: February 22, 2018

Time: 5:30pm

Place: 410 W Plymouth Avenue, Rieth Interpretive Center

Present: Roger Nafziger, President; J.D. Hershberger, Vice President; Barb Swartley, Board Member.

Also Present: Don Shuler, Park Attorney; Tanya Heyde, Superintendent; Kevin Yoder, Maintenance Director; Kimberlee Stephens, Recreation Supervisor; Lori Swiger, Administrative Office; Daragh Deegan, Elkhart River Restoration Association; Keith Hiebner; Chris Webster.

I. **Call to Order**

Nafziger called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM.

II. **Motion to Amend Agenda**

Stephens added number 2 under Public Presentations for a proposed disc golf course by Keith Hiebner and Chris Webster.

III. **Approval of January 22, 2018 Park Board Minutes**

Nafziger called for a motion to approve the Park Board Minutes of January 22, 2018. On a motion by Swartley, seconded by Hershberger, ayes carried.

IV. **Approval of Parks And Recreation Payable Dockets**

Nafziger called for a motion to approve the Parks and Recreation Payable Docket for December, 2017. Heyde explained that the January Payable Docket was not yet available from the City Clerk's Office. On a motion by Swartley, seconded by Hershberger, ayes carried.

V. **Approval of Park Gift Expenditures**

December, 2017 and January, 2018 reports not available from the City Clerk's Office

VI. **Approval of Park Gifts**

December, 2017 and January, 2018 reports not Available from the City Clerk's Office

VII. **Public Presentations and Correspondence**

1. Daragh Deegan with the Elkhart River Restoration Association presented the board with a plan to make the Goshen Dam more accessible. The ERA proposes to move the buoy line and build a pier to accommodate fishing and water access.

Deegan and Goshen Parks had a meeting with the Elkhart County Parks to discuss a Memo of Understanding since Elkhart County is the property owner. The ERA has requested that the Goshen City Parks own and maintain the new structure. Elkhart County Parks is in support of the pier project.

The ERA has several different ideas on construction of the pier. Lawson Fisher, the original engineering firm that constructed the dam in the 90's, will be conducting a study to see if the project is feasible and which plan is the better option. Deegan presented the board with a couple of conceptual ideas, but pointed out that these may not be the final product. The study would be

paid for by the ERA. Deegan requested the City Parks support on the project before continuing with the study. The consensus of the Park Board is that this is a positive project and they would like to see it move forward.

2. Chris Webster and Keith Hiebner presented a plan to build a disk golf course at Shanklin and Mullet Parks. Sponsors would pay for the baskets but Goshen Parks would do maintenance and upkeep. Elkhart County has several disk golf courses, the two closest are located at Oxbow County Park and in the City of Millersburg and they feel one in Goshen would be beneficial to the park system. Sponsors would pay for the baskets but Goshen Parks would be responsible for maintenance and upkeep.

The Park Board feels that more information and detail is needed before discussing plans further. Some concerns are mowing, maintenance, inconvenience to other park users and vandalism. The board did not take formal action.

VIII. **Approval of Superintendent and Director Reports**

Nafziger called for the approval of the Superintendent and Director reports as presented. On a motion by Hershberger, seconded by Swartley, ayes carried.

IX. **New Business**

1. **Card Connect**

Heyde presented the board with a contract for Card Connect a credit card processor and asked for approval to enter into and execute the contract. The City's current credit card processor does not work with the new software purchased for online registration and facility rentals. Card Connect would allow Parks to move to online registration. Naziger called for a motion to approve the Card Connect contract. On a motion by Swartley, seconded by Hershberger, ayes carried.

X. **Old Business**

None

Park Board Signatures:

Approved this Monday, March 19, 2018

Ms. Barbara Swartley, Member

Mr. Roger Nafziger, President

Dr. James Wellington, Member

Mr. J. D. Hershberger, Vice President

Mr. Doug Yoder, Secretary ATTEST: _____