

Tippecanoe County Park and Recreation Board
Minutes of April 11, 2018
Park Board Office
4449 State Road 43 N.
West Lafayette, IN 47906

Present: Board members John Gambs, Esther Chosnek, Scott Rumble, Denny Mellon, Roberta Crabtree, Opal Kuhl and Mike Gery. Also in attendance Park Board attorney Dave Luhman, Bryan Metzger, staff members Mary Barrett, Adam Libbers, Randy Lower, Brian Cook, Kathy Smith, Jed Wright and Allen Nail.

The meeting was called to order by President John Gambs at 3:00 PM.

The Board welcomed Opal Kuhl as our newest Park Board member. Opal was appointed by the County Council to fill the position held by Bob Probasco.

February minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by Esther Chosnek and a second by Roberta Crabtree.

Claims were reviewed and unanimously approved on a motion by Esther Chosnek and a second by Scott Rumble.

Old Business:

1. ATV/Off Road Vehicle Resolution: In February, the Board asked Dave Luhman to prepare a resolution to expand the park rules regarding motorized vehicles. Dave provided the Board with a copy of a resolution establishing rules and regulations governing all-terrain vehicles, off-road vehicles, and golf carts on properties that are owned by the TC Park Board. The resolution states that ATVs, ORVs, and RORVs may not be operated on Tippecanoe County Park & Recreation Board properties except the essential transport of event materials, and site security, safety or other personnel for Park Board-approved special events with written permission from the Tippecanoe County Park and Recreation Director; with prior written approval from the Director or Property Manager of the respective parks, golf carts may be used on the grounds. The resolution was unanimously approved on a motion by Denny Mellon and a second by Roberta Crabtree.

New Business:

Fiddlers Gathering Request: The Fiddlers Gathering Board contacted Allen and requested to revisit the matter of serving alcohol to VIP sponsors at the Indiana Fiddlers Gathering. The alcohol will be served for a limited time on Saturday afternoon. The group will abide by the current alcohol policy that is in place for TC parks. After a brief discussion, Denny motioned that the Indiana Fiddlers Group be

allowed to serve alcohol to VIP members for a pre-determined period of time on Saturday afternoon during the festival. Scott Rumble seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

2018 Budget Report: Board members reviewed the March Budget Report. There were no questions or concerns. Most of the funds that were encumbered from the 2017 budget have been paid. Once the weather cooperates, the remainder of the chapel will be painted and trees will be picked up allowing for payment on the final encumbered invoices.

Foundation Update: Opal Kuhl joined the Park Foundation Board. Allen is looking forward to Opal's insight and input on the Hoffman project. Allen reviewed plans for initial improvements at Hoffman Nature Area and is excited about the potential for future development. The Foundation is directly involved in a few events that will be funded through the Briar Fund and that will take place at the Amphitheater property. Allen contacted the county's insurance agent to discuss insurance options for the Park Foundation. The agent encouraged the Foundation to tie into the Park Board's existing insurance policy as it would be very costly and also unnecessary for the Foundation to obtain a separate policy. The Park Foundation would be named as additional insured. Other area foundations receive insurance coverage in the same manner. After discussion, the Park Board unanimously agreed that the Foundation should be listed as an additional insured on the Board's insurance policy.

Superintendent's Report:

- BG Lions will hold a consignment auction at the Amphitheater on 4-21-2018. Allen requested to add an air compressor, scrap metal, old doors and a garage door to the auction. If sold, the money from the sale goes into the county General Fund. Anything that is not sold will go to the dump. Scott made a motion to declare the items as surplus. Denny seconded; motion unanimously approved.
- Allen stated the department is still seeking to pick up one full time position; the position is expected to be on the agenda for the May council meeting. This position does not solve the problem of finding qualified part-time help. Part-time staff is limited to 30 hours per week and there are work restrictions for anyone under the age of 18. An advertisement has been placed on a couple of sites in addition to the county website.
- Dave noted that the Board needed to elect a Vice President due to the death of Bob Probasco. Denny nominated Mike Gery to be Vice President; Scott Rumble seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. The Board also needed to appoint a member to the Park Foundation. Esther Chosnek was unanimously approved as the new PB Foundation member on a motion by Scott Rumble; seconded by Mike Gery.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 PM.

Minutes compiled by Mary Barrett.