

Tippecanoe County Park and Recreation Board  
Minutes of August 4, 2021  
Tippecanoe County Park Board Office  
4449 State Road 43 North  
West Lafayette, IN 47906

Present: Board members Denny Mellon, Mike Gery, Katje Jo Armentrout, Dave Luhman, and Esther Chosnek. Also in attendance were staff members Mary Barrett, Randy Lower, Andy Wall, and Jed Wright

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m. by Mike Gery.

June minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by Dave Luhman and seconded by Denny Mellon.

Claims were reviewed and unanimously approved on a motion by Denny Mellon, seconded by Dave Luhman.

### **Old Business:**

Update on conceptual drawings Tecumseh Trails Park: Randy provided the Board with the most recent conceptual drawings of Tecumseh Trails Park. Randy proposed to move the shelter house closer to the parking area. This would allow park users to access the shelter with less walking and also allow more area for a walking path. Redeveloping this park will allow for a more family-oriented park overlooking the river. Future development could include a trail from West Lafayette to Tecumseh Trails continuing on to the Amphitheater and Prophetstown.

### **New Business:**

- 2021 Budget Report: The Board reviewed the July budget report. There were no questions or concerns.
- 2022 Budget Hearings: Randy will meet with council members next week to review and discuss the 2022 budget proposal. Randy will also look into funds for ADA projects along with any available funds for park improvements.
- Superintendent's Report:
  - Randy expressed that he is proud to represent the Board and offered appreciation to the staff for their efforts in creating a smooth transition into his new role as Superintendent.

## **Misc:**

- Introduction of new Fort Ouiatenon Manager: Randy introduced Andy Wall as the new Fort Ouiatenon/Granville Access Property Manager. Andy has been with the department in a part time capacity for approximately 2.5 years. He did outstanding work at the Amphitheater and has shown initiative in taking the lead at the Fort. He will move into the residence within a few weeks.
- Introduction of new Park Board Member: Randy welcomed Katje Armentrout, County Extension Director. Katje brings a wealth of experience, skills, and a commitment to the Park Board's mission.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 PM.

Minutes compiled by Mary Barrett.