

Tippecanoe County Park and Recreation Board
Minutes of June 1, 2022
Fort Ouiatenon River Shelter
3129 South River Road
West Lafayette, IN 47906

Present: Board members Opal Kuhl, John Gambs, Mike Gery, Denny Mellon, Dave Luhman, Pat Williams, Esther Chosnek. Also in attendance were staff members Mary Barrett, Randy Lower and Jarrodd Case.

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Opal Kuhl.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Review of Claims:

Claims were reviewed and unanimously approved on a motion by Mike Gery, seconded by John Gambs.

Old Business:

- Del Bartlett contacted Randy to revisit TCHA's desire for a long-term lease for the Battlefield Museum. The request was previously considered at the July 2020 Park Board meeting where the matter was taken under advisement. The Board again discussed the request but unanimously declined an extension for the time being. The Board will consider a longer term should a grant opportunity arise, and a long-term lease is a requirement.

New Business:

- 2022 Budget Report: The Board reviewed the May budget report. There were no questions or concerns.
- 2023 Capital Request: Randy provided the Board with a copy of the 2023 Capital Outlay Request that is to be submitted to the Commissioners by June 10th. Much of the request is for maintenance and repair of an aging infrastructure, ADA additions, and equipment replacement. Randy is also seeking an annual non-reverting fund for capital improvements.
- Approval of ADA Projects: The Commissioners have approved a commercial wheelchair lift in the A-frame Lodge and a waterless restroom at Fort Ouiatenon. These ADA requests were submitted

for consideration in past budget years; however, costs have increased for both projects. Randy is pursuing additional quotes for the chair lift and working on options to reduce costs for the waterless restrooms.

- Superintendent's Report:
 - Randy introduced Jarrodd Case. Jarrod is the new Assistant Maintenance Director, the position vacated when Mike Pechin became the Wildcat Park/Fairfield Lakes Property Manager. Jarrodd comes to the Department from Bellinger's and has a background in grounds maintenance. His knowledge has already proved beneficial. Randy is excited that Jarrodd is on board and is confident that he will be a great addition to the team.
 - Outdoor Explore will take place on Saturday, June 11th. The event is a partnership between the Parks Department and the Tippecanoe County Soil and Water Conservation District. Events will take place at the Amphitheater and Bicentennial Nature Area.
 - The meeting with Dale Brier (DNR) and several other parties to discuss ideas to keep Wildcat Park open to the public has been postponed.
 - In 1977 funds were received from the Land and Water Conservation Fund to purchase a portion of the Battlefield Park. In 1967 the Fairgrounds received approximately \$3000 for development of restrooms. Signage acknowledging the contribution and language on the deed that the land acquired or developed with LWCF money is protected in perpetuity for outdoor recreation is a mandatory requirement for these funds. Randy has the signage in place and is working on updating the two deeds.

Miscellaneous:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:57 PM.

Minutes compiled by Mary Barrett.