

**Hendricks County Parks and Recreation
Park Board Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, April 11, 2018
2:00pm

Hendricks County Government
Center, Meeting Room 5
Danville, IN 46122

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m.

Board Present: Paul Miner, President
Bill Harrington, Secretary
Gary Emsweller
Mike Hayden

Board Absent: Matt Freije, Vice President
Beth Switzer
Doug Moon

Staff Present: Jeremy Weber, Superintendent
Eric Ivie, Assistant Superintendent
Linda Brunner, Administrative Assistant

A. CALENDAR

A-1. Agenda

Hayden moved to adopt the agenda; seconded by Emsweller, the motion passed unanimously.

B. CONTINUING BUSINESS

B-1. Restructuring Discussion

Board members were provided a copy of the Commissioners' proposed Amendment to Ordinance 2000-07, and there followed a discussion of its specific language and the effects it would have on that enabling ordinance. Harrington suggested that the Board offer a resolution that it would not pursue bonding or taxing or eminent domain, and recommended a binding joint resolution to that effect. Harrington discussed the five separate categories of authority that are expressly granted to the Park Board by Indiana's Park and Recreation law. He further pointed out that the proposed amendment would be in violation of Indiana's Home Rule Statute that provides that if there is a statutory provision requiring a specific manner for exercising a power, which there is, a governmental unit wanting to exercise a power must do so in the manner prescribed, which the amendment does not do.

The Board was in agreement that it was willing to talk with the Commissioners before entering into future contracts and would include language in its proposed resolution to that effect, but would not empower the Commissioners to execute contracts on the Board's behalf. There was discussion of the Board's desire to request the removal of the proposed Amendment from the May Council meeting,

with the goal of communicating with the Commissioners to discuss the terms of a resolution to address their concerns.

Emsweller moved to authorize Harrington to communicate directly with the members of the County Council and Commissioners to convey the Park Board's position on the proposed Amendment to Ordinance 2000-007, to request that consideration of the amendment be removed from the Council meeting agenda for May 1, and that the Park Board be able to meet with the Commissioners and the Council to work together to achieve agreeable terms for a Resolution; seconded by Harrington the motion passed unanimously.

Weber reported to the Board that he, Miner, Harrington and Todd McCormack had met with representatives of the Town of Plainfield, including Belcher and Klinger, on April 9th to discuss moving forward with Sodalis. Weber presented Plainfield with a list of approximately \$400,000 in capital improvements by the Park Board at Sodalis for which it would seek reimbursement. Plainfield's response was that they would reply to the request by the first of June and Weber stated he believed they would reimburse some of those funds if the reimbursement was earmarked for Gibbs. Weber said he will talk to the Auditor about how to effect that. Weber also stated that Plainfield wants HCP&R to continue to run the park, and to see this season as a season of transition. The Board discussed Emsweller's April 6th motion to provide the Notice of Termination of the License Agreement, and it was agreed to amend the deadline until after Plainfield provides its proposal in June.

Harrington moved to amend Emsweller's April 4th motion to change the language regarding the deadline for the written notice of termination from "within ten (10) business days" to "by the Park Board's June 6, 2018 meeting"; seconded by Emsweller, the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

William O. Harrington, Secretary