



HENDRICKS COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION

Hendricks County Parks & Recreation Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, December 5, 2018 * 2 to 4 p.m. 955 E. Main Street, Danville, IN 46122

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m.

Board Present: Paul Miner, President

Matt Freije, Vice President

Gary Emsweller,

Mike Hayden

Doug Moon

Jeff Pell

Staff Present:

Eric Ivie, Interim Superintendent

Jim Holtsclaw, Park Manager

Sarah Wolf, Park Naturalist

Carol Wickliff, Assistant Administrator

Guests:

Ray Benson

Scott West, Edwards-Rigdon Construction Company, Inc

Meghan Stritar, Parks Foundation of Hendricks County

A. CALENDAR

A-1. Adopt Agenda

Although, no changes were made to the agenda, Miner states that the board will stop the scheduled meeting to have an executive session, after which the regular board meeting will reconvene.

Freije moved to adopt the agenda, Emsweller seconded, passed unanimously.

A-2. Approval of Minutes from Nov. 7, 2018 Board Meeting

Emsweller moved to approve the minutes as they were presented; seconded by Freije, motion passed unanimously.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS/PRESENTATIONS

B-1. Public Comments

No public comments. Miner takes this moment to welcome Jeff Pell onto the board. Pell introduces himself and gives some professional background. The board members introduce themselves.

Miner concludes conversation at 2:06pm by asking staff to step out as the board begins an executive session. Session is over at 2:32pm and regular board meeting resumes

C. CONTINUING BUSINESS

C-1. 2019 Park Board Meeting Calendar

The discussion of changing the current time of the board meetings was discussed with the determination that the first Wednesday of the month at 2pm has been working in the past and meetings will remain at this time. **Freije moved to adopt this unchanged time; Hayden seconded, passed unanimously.**

C-2. Superintendent Search

Miner states that the board will be able to make an offer to a candidate but made no mention of whom that candidate is.

C-3. McCloud Nature Park Update

Ivie states that the maintenance team had finished the pedestrian bridge that had been destroyed by a fallen tree. Ivie requests to discuss the possibility to use the Harlos Fund to offset the finances of materials needed for the bridge completion with the Parks Foundation board. Emsweller and Hayden, being the sitting members of both the Foundation Board and the Park Board, both agreed in the logic of the request and neither foresee an issue with asking the Foundation Board. Emsweller reminds the board of the joint meeting that is scheduled to take place in January. Miner states that he believes there should be a formal board request, Emsweller agrees, as does the rest of the board.

Ivie states his desire to purchase AED machines for both the Maintenance shop and the Nature Center and a portable first aid kit to be kept at the Nature Center at McCloud. Miner agrees with the need and the board encourages Ivie to research. Freije states that there may be donations available and to pursue those first.

C-4. Sodalis Nature Park Update

Miner related a brief history of Sodalis to Pell so that he might better understand the arrangement with the Town of Plainfield. The Town of Plainfield has stated that they will underwrite a large project at W.S. Gibbs Park if the department vacates the Sodalis property early. Emsweller suggests that the board try to redirect the focus from Gibbs Park to the Vandalia Trail with hopes that Plainfield's own interest of extending the trail will benefit both the entities and possibly bettering the relationships between the two.

C-5. Vandalia Trail Update

Miner alludes to a possible land acquisition along the Vandalia Trail. Miner mentions that Greg Midgley and a small group of volunteers have been attempting to keep the trails clear for riders and runners by raking leaves off the trail. They plan on traveling along the trail to continue the task weekly.

Ivie mentions that a discussion has begun to continue addressing the drainage issue that Hendricks County has been dealing with along the Trail. Ivie questioned if this was a project that he should remain on or if the board would like to table it until the new superintendent was in place and able to manage it. Freije states that he believes that it should be a project that would take precedence, Miner agrees. Ivie mentions that he is having some issues wrapping up a contract with BFS, as it was supposed to be done October 3, 2018. Miner asks of the board a decision to allow Ivie to ask BFS to submit a final proposal so that the project can begin. There is no opposition from the board.

Miner suggests that the Park Board ask the Foundation Board if they would help replace trees along the Vandalia trail, between Amo and the Putnum County boarder, that have died due to disease. Meghan Stitar states the board would have to present some form of written proposal to the Foundation Board.

C-6 W.S. Gibbs Memorial Park Update

Ivie brings the Searcy Cash Farm Lease to the board's attention and Hayden elaborates on a proposed addendum to discuss future planning on the land with Jason Searcy. The addendum would address the possible loss of acreage for reforestation and the cost associated with the yet to be determined land amount. Emsweller states "The addendum would state that as we (Hendricks County Parks & Recreation) begin development of the park, we will be removing property of the acreage and will reimburse you (Searcy Family) the rent for that." Miner asks Ivie to check on correct language and have that added to the contract. **Hayden motions that the contract should remain as is, with the added addendum. Emsweller seconds, passes unanimously.**

D. NEW BUSINESS

D-1. Joint Meeting with PFOHC Board

Joint meeting has been approved for January 15, 2019 from 11:00am- 1pm, to be held at Washington Township Park Pavilion, in Avon.

E. REPORTS

E-1. Superintendent Report

Ivie reports that the delivery of the Explorers to the office was delayed due to a delivery conflict with the Flyer and they should arrive later in the week. All 3 wreath workshops, that were held at McCloud, were sold out and were very successful.

Ivie presents a proposal from Edward-Rigdon Construction Company as a follow-up on a presentation to the board the previous month. Scott West speaks to the board and reassures them of his company's continued interest in working with Hendricks County Parks & Recreation while creating W.S. Gibbs Park and their desire to work in the community.

Ivie addresses the travel receipts for the superintendent candidates were received after the 2018 deadline, so they will have to be paid from the Park's 2019 travel budget.

E-2. Budget Report

Staff utilized the remaining funds in ordering needed products and stocking up on supplies. Miner asks Ivie to make himself available to Pell (as the newest member) to answer any budget questions he might have, Ivie agrees to accommodate.

E-3. Parks Foundation of Hendricks County Report

Meghan Stritar speaks to the board. She notes that the photography event that occurred in October was a success, bringing in almost \$500 and the photography club is anticipating doing it again. The Fall Colors Run, that was held at McCloud brought in around \$1000 with the hayride being one of the more popular events, bringing in over \$400.

Stritar states that the Annual Foundation board meeting that is scheduled for January. They will discuss budget, bylaws, officers and any other issues that is presented.

The MOU between the Foundation Board and the Park Board has been approved but has yet to be signed.

She mentions the Foundation's involvement with Danville Parks in the Winter Wonderland light display. She, along with some of the HCP&R staff will be welcoming visitors and representing Hendricks County Parks. Information about the Foundation and Explorers will be passed out to reach more of the community and bring more people to events at the parks.

ADJOURNMENT

Miner announces that he has been asked to sit on the new committee to update the transportation plans for Hendricks County. This committee will help redirect focus to new trails and alternate transportation, which he believes blends with the vision of the Parks.

Miner points out that Harrington's decision to resign from the board December 4, 2018.

Freije moves to adjourn the meeting, Hayden seconded; passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:43pm

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Miner, President

Next Park Board Regular Meeting: January 2, 2019

