



## HENDRICKS COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION

### **Hendricks County Parks & Recreation Board Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 \* 2 to 4 p.m.**

**955 E. Main Street, Danville, IN 46122**

**Board Members:** Paul Miner  
Matt Freije  
Mike Hayden  
Brad Eisenhart  
Doug Moon  
Gary Emsweller (absent)  
Jeff Pell (absent)

**Staff Present:** Ryan Lemley  
Carol Wickliff  
Jim Holtsclaw

**Guests Present:**  
Ray Benson

**CALL TO ORDER 2:00pm**

#### **AGENDA**

**Call to order 2:00pm**

#### **A. CALENDAR**

##### A-1. Adopt Agenda

Freije moves to pass the agenda, Hayden seconds; motion passes unanimously.

##### A-2. Approval of Minutes from May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 Board Meeting

Eisenhart moves to approve the minutes, Freije seconds; motion passes unanimously.

#### **B. PUBLIC HEARINGS/PRESENTATIONS**

##### B-1. Public Comments

There are no public comments.

#### **C. NEW BUSINESS**

##### C-1. IDNR Next Level Trails Grant- Phase II Assistance

Lemley informs the board that the parks department has decided to use a grant writer, Donna Taylor, for the next session of Next Level grant. The entire cost will potentially be covered by the Foundation. There will be a phone conference call on June 19<sup>th</sup> with a DNR representative where improvements on the grant submission will be discussed.

### C-2. Vandalia Trail- Supplemental Agreement #3

This agreement was started with the assistance of BF&S to reallocate funds within the budget for the Buck Arnold property.

Moon motions to sign the document, Freije seconds, motion passes unanimously. The document is signed by all present board members.

## **D. CONTINUING BUSINESS**

### D-1. McCloud Nature Park Update

Lemley informs the board that Turner Forestry was not able to perform a prairie burn this year due to an unexpectedly wet season and scheduling conflicts. Lemley begins a discussion on the possibility of a fall burn. Lemley informs the board that a new topping of aggregate has been spread on the drive and various trail improvements throughout the park. Williams Creek has completed phase 2 of a landscape improvement plan. Lemley updates the board on the progress of installing a new security system. Lemley states that he is in the process of drawing up the 2020 budget. The board discuss alternative road materials for McCloud.

### D-2. Vandalia Trail Update

Lemley updates the board on the drainage plan at Vandalia Trail. He informs the board that there will be a 30" pipe that will reduce drainage issues along with smaller various projects along the property. He will be able to update the board on cost estimates as the bids are revealed on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Lemley informs the board that the locks at the Coatesville trailhead are still problematic and the crew is working diligently to correct the problem.

Lemley informs the board that he and Miner have continued conversations with landowners in hopes to gain additional support of land acquisition along the Vandalia Trail. Holtsclaw informs to board that there is a small piece of property that was gifted to HCP&R by Greg Midgley, who has been a supporter of HCP&R for many years.

### D-3. W.S. Gibbs Update

Lemley states that he was able to visit the property with members of the Cecon team and was able to discuss future plans for the development and design of the park with them.

Lemley recommends the rental of special equipment to continue managing the landscape on the property.

Lemley updates the board on the continuing tile discussion. Future meetings regarding this issue are still to be had in hopes to alleviating the problems for all parties concerned.

## **E. REPORTS**

### E-1. Superintendent Report

Lemley informs the board the Ford F-250, the old Naturalist's vehicle, was taken recently for repairs and has been deemed inoperable by the mechanic due to unforeseen issue that have been discovered. Lemley would like to add to next years budget in hopes of acquiring a replacement truck to ease the management of all properties. Lemley is concerned that the department will not be able to justify the necessity of an additional vehicle. The board advise him to request a vehicle, possibly a used vehicle, in the hopes to acquire one.

Lemley states that the Full-time Maintenance crew member has resigned, and that position will be available soon. The position has been publicly posted and there are a few possible candidates already.

Lemley states the HCP&R staff support for the Summer Fun Run series during the Foundation transition. Holtsclaw addressed and updated the database for the 2019 season and a staff member from HCP&R will be present at each of the scheduled events.

A Volunteer Picnic is being organized for September 7<sup>th</sup>, by the Foundation; this will be open to all volunteers, staff and board members.

Lemley notes the desire for new flooring in the Nature Center by replacing the existing carpet with a poured quartz epoxy flooring, this would potentially be the lower level and the outdoor bathrooms.

The need for a policy committee was discussed. Freije agreed to join this committee. Eisenhart inquires on existing policies and those that need to be addressed.

#### E-2. Budget Report

Lemley states that because Gibbs is now paid for, he would like to work towards reallocating those funds (\$100,000) to line 34407- Development of County parks to be repurposed for the development of Gibbs.

Vandalia Drainage issues will be addressed by utilizing the Development of County Parks funds.

Lemley states that HCP&R budget is right on track and he has no expectations of going over budget at any time.

#### E-3. Parks Foundation of Hendricks County Report

Eisenhart discusses the Summer Fun Run series. There have been 13,000 registered online for the series. Hayden states that the Foundation has sold enough tee-shirts to cover the cost of the entire series. Meghan Stritar has been relocated to a central office to better suit the needs of the Foundation.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**The meeting adjourned at 3:42pm**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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**Mike Hayden, Secretary**

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019