



Hendricks County Parks & Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 1st, 2019 * 2 to 4 p.m.
955 E. Main Street, Danville, IN 46122

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER 2:00pm

Board Present: Paul Miner

Matt Freije

Mike Hayden

Brad Eisenhart

Gary Emsweller

Jeff Pell

Staff Present: Ryan Lemley

Eric Ivie

Carol Wickliff

Jim Holtsclaw

Sarah Wolf

Guests Present:

Scott West

A. CALENDAR

A-1. Adopt Agenda

Eisenhart motions to pass the agenda, Freije seconds; motion passes unanimously.

A-2. Approval of Minutes from April 3rd, 2019 Board Meeting

Freije motions to approve minutes, Emsweller seconded; motion passed unanimously.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS/PRESENTATIONS

B-1. Public Comments

Miner addresses the attention to the public members. Scott West speaks to the board about the projects that his company has been working on along the Wabash River.

C. NEW BUSINESS

C-1. CECON- Contractual Agreement & Fees

Lemley presents the board with the current CECON contract and notes various points that are addressed. He explains why these points were adjusted. He draws attention to the final estimation numbers for the board to review.

Emsweller inquires specifically about the geotechnical fees. HCP&R staff asks West, with his expertise, to explain further.

Eisenhart asks about the Archeological & Historical review. Lemley explains that he feels this will give the HCP&R staff the benefit of understanding the history of the land. Miner points out that all HCP&R properties have had this review.

Hayden asks to have Steuerwald review a copy of the revised contract before board signs. Miner suggests that the board officially approve the contract, based upon the approval of the county attorney. Hayden motions for this action, Emsweller seconds; passes unanimously.

C-2. Kruse Consulting- Request

Lemley states that Kruse had reached out to him to discuss the possibility of tying into existing tiles again. Since the original plans for landscape has changed, probability is uncertain, but Lemley would like to explore the issue. Emsweller encourages Lemley to move forward with the support of the board.

D. CONTINUING BUSINESS

D-1. McCloud Nature Park Update

Lemley states that Tri-West students joined McCloud staff recently to volunteer on the property. He states that Williams Creek has begun working with the maintenance team in order to encourage native growth within the arboretum. He notes the change in security systems at the park.

D-2. Vandalia Trail Update

Lemley states that, as of April 30, there is a drainage plan in place to address issues along the trail. He states that the finalized completion date is projected to be November 14, 2019. Lemley reports that BF&S will be contributing 50% of the cost. Lemley states that HCP&R maintenance staff has been addressing an ongoing issue with the locks on the restrooms along the trail.

Miner is informed that the recipients for the Next Level Grants will be awarded May 2, 2019.

D-3. W.S. Gibbs Update

Lemley states that Paul Cummins Tree Service has begun work removing invasive and undesirable plants along the property line at Gibbs.

Lemley states his intention to reach out to the DNR and inform them of the decision of not moving forward with the archery range that had been proposed.

The board suggest a meeting to be set up with the Gibbs to discuss the future of the property.

D-4. Sodalís Nature Park Update

Lemley mentioned the tour organized by Leadership of Hendricks County where he was able to speak at Sodalís, along with Nate Thorn of Plainfield Department of Public Works. Together, they were able to speak on both the history and the future of the property.

Lemley states that HCP&R had agreed to maintain trails and shelter areas until the termination date and that agreement has been honored.

Ivie states that he has worked with the Town of Plainfield to write a joint press release and it will be published in the near future.

Lemley states that HCP&R has officially terminated management of Sodalís Nature Park as of May 1, 2019.

E. REPORTS

E-1. Superintendent Report

Lemley brings the board's attention to employee evaluations. While the board is not responsible for all evaluations, they are responsible for specific employee evaluations and they are to be completed and turned in by June 1, 2019. Miner suggests that the board set a deadline of May 24th to complete all evaluations.

Lemley notes the new hires to the HCP&R staff: one maintenance and 2 seasonal naturalists. He also states that RecDesk, the registration system that HCP&R uses, will be managed by the naturalist team at the nature center.

Lemley states that an AED has been acquired and was donated by Hendricks Regional Health. It is currently being stored in the office area.

Miner states that he has continued to maintain contact with Bev Russell, who has donated to large projects for the McCloud in the past. Miner suggests that the board and staff continue contact with her.

Lemley informs the board of a new policy regarding vehicle reports that he has learned about recently, after there was a small incident with a county truck.

Miner asks for an update on the log barn that has been discussed in previous meetings. Emsweller stated that Comer has been out of the area and has not been able to discuss the topic further.

E-2. Budget Report

Ivie states that there are no concerns within the budget.

E-3. Parks Foundation of Hendricks County Report

Eisenhart reports that the Summer Fun Run kickoff is set for May 29th and they are looking forward to another successful season.

The board discussed positions held on both the Park board and the Foundation board. There is no decision to accommodate as of yet.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:33pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Hayden, Secretary

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 5th, 2019