



Park Board Special Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 16, 2020
2:00pm

955 E. Main Street
Danville, IN 46122

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

Board Present: Brad Eisenhart, Vice President
Matt Freije, Secretary
Bill DuMond
Gary Emsweller
Paul Miner
Jeff Pell

Board Absent: Mike Hayden, President

Staff Present: Ryan Lemley, Superintendent
Eric Ivie, Assistant Superintendent
Jim Holtsclaw, Park Manager

Guests: Betty Bartley, *The Republican* newspaper

A. 5-YEAR COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN

A-1. Workshop to develop portions of the 2021-25 Hendricks County Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan

Ivie advised the Park Board that he needs input from them in two areas of the department's 5-Year Comprehensive Master Plan to span the years 2021-25: department goals, and the department's action plan. These two items will need to be reviewed again after receiving public input.

Through discussion, the Park Board created the following draft list of department goals:

The Hendricks County Parks & Recreation Department continually strives to:

- *Be a leading entity in nature-based parks and recreation management in Hendricks County.*
- *Promote sustainable conservation and environmental standards in parks and trails and to the community.*

- *Protect and preserve important natural and cultural resources as park offerings.*
- *Maintain, improve, and expand park property.*
- *Be transparent and uphold the highest ethical standards in all board and department operations.*
- *Provide nature-based recreation and education opportunities for everyone.*
- *Enhance Hendricks County's economic development, tourism, and quality of life.*
- *Implement practices to avoid and mitigate invasive species and to promote native trees and other vegetation, including native pollinator plants, in parks and trails.*
- *Build a strong network of parks and trails throughout Hendricks County for current and future generations.*
- *Communicate effectively with all stakeholders.*
- *Be good stewards of the resources entrusted to us by residents of Hendricks County and from all other entities.*

Through additional discussion, the Park Board created the following draft action plan:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Action</u>
2021-25	Vandalia Trail	Acquire all necessary land between Amo and Clayton
2023-25	Vandalia Trail	Construct a trail two (2) miles west of Clayton
2024-25	Vandalia Trail	Investigate land acquisition east of Clayton
2021-22	Vandalia Trail	Develop master plan for Vandalia Trail
2022-24	McCloud	Repair Mill Cottage
2024-25	McCloud	Pave entrance to park
2021-25	McCloud	Continue development of north side of park
2021-25	McCloud	Investigate expansion of park
2021	W.S. Gibbs	Finalize implementation of Phase I amenities
2022-23	W.S. Gibbs	Develop plan for Phase II
2021-22	W.S. Gibbs	Investigate acquisition of final 20 acres of the Gibbs family property
2022-23	W.S. Gibbs	Reforestation
2021-23	Main Office	Relocate main office
2021-25	Hendricks County	Investigate land acquisition throughout Hendricks County

For 2022 budgeting purposes, Holtsclaw advised that the heating and air conditioning system at the McCloud Nature Center will need to be replaced.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

The next regular Park Board meeting will be held on August 5, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Freije, Secretary