

**LA PORTE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
BOARD MINUTES  
MARCH 20, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by President Mitch Feikes, who also let the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Also in attendance were Nicole Messacar, Thor Thordarson, Karen Ellison, Denise Bealor, Karyl Feikes, Mark Schreiber, Brett Binversie, Kyle Cashmer and Roberta Mumaw.

**MINUTES**

The minutes from the February board meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Thor Thordarson, seconded by Karen Ellison.

**BILLS AND CLAIMS**

The bills and claims in the amount of \$132,966.78 were unanimously approved on a motion by Denise Bealor, seconded by Nicole Messacar.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mark Schreiber updated the board on the status of the Stone Lake Lodge. Mark continues to work with Bakeer-Tilly as well as the Clerk Treasurers office on the additional funding source for the facility.

The agenda item for the Civic Auditorium Building rules did not require action, as it was inadvertently left on from last month's meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mark Schreiber informed the Board there was no interest in the RFP's that were sent out for the concessions at Stone Lake Beach House and Kesling Park ball diamond facility. With no interest, that gave Mark the opportunity to negotiate with anyone that showed an interest. There is some interest in the Stone Lake Beach House, however that will not happen until possible next year. Currently Mark Schreiber is asking to enter into a contract with Rodney Dumas of Hot Rod Snow Cones to provide concessions at the Kesling Park Ball field using the Reuben Eversman Concession Stand with a standard contract of 10% of gross sales. The motion to sign the contract with Rodney Dumas/Hot Rod Snow Cones was made by Karen Ellison, seconded by Thor Thordarson. Mark Schreiber stated that this is just at Kesling, and he will continue to work on the Stone Lake Beach House. The concessions at Lions Field and Ron Reed field have not been profitable which makes it unlikely to find someone to take those over. There is an urgency to have the vendor in place as the tournament play will begin the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of April. Mr. Dumas currently operates 2 food trucks but will use the Kesling concessions stand. The motion passed unanimously.

Mark Schreiber is requesting permission from the board to sign a contract with Pyrotechnico to provide fireworks on July 3 over Clear Lake. The total cost will be \$17,000 with half of that already secured through donations, with the mayor's office working to secure the final half. The motion to sign the contract with Pyrotechnico for the July 3<sup>rd</sup> fireworks over Clear Lake was unanimously approved on a motion by Thor Thordarson, seconded by Karen Ellison.

Mark Schreiber is asking to enter into an agreement with EVP Volleyball Academy for a grass volleyball camp to be held at Kesling Park. This would be 75%(EVP) 25%(Park). EVP would be responsible for set-up, take-down, staffing and all equipment. The Park Department would handle registration and marketing and provide the facilities. EVP would also run the volleyball tournament for Lakefest that will be held in Fox Park. The motion to enter into a 1-year agreement with EVP academies was made by Denise Bealor, seconded by Karen Ellison.

Mitch Feikes asked if scholarships will be available for this program. Mark Schreiber stated he believes this would qualify for the scholarship program offered as the objective of the scholarships is to get kids active. The motion passed unanimously.

Mark Schreiber has been approached by Jamie Vincent who is the Rotary Interact Club sponsor at the High School wanting to do a sustainability project. The project would be made of bottle caps embedded in concrete. The design will be attached with the minutes. The ideal area would be in front of Fort La Play Porte as the concrete needs to be replaced. The timeline would hopefully be before the end of the school year. The motion to allow the Rotary interact Club to install a bottle cap mural in concrete at Fort La Play Porte was made by Karen Ellison, seconded by Denise Bealor. The mural would be approximately 15-20 ft wide. The final logistics of the project still need to be worked out. The motion passed unanimously.

Mark Schreiber has been asked by the Kesling Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> grade student council would like to place a little free library at Kesling Park near the walking trail. This would be their project and would continue to be maintained by them. The motion to allow the placement of a little library near the Kelsing Park walking trail by the Kesling Middle School student council was unanimously approved on a motion by Thor Thordarson, seconded by Denise Bealor.

Mark Schreiber has had a request from an Eagle Scout to construct a gaga pit at Fox Park for his Eagle Scout Project. This is played inside an octagon structure. All labor and construction would be constructed by the scout. The motion to construct a gaga pit at Fox Park was made by Nicole Messacar, seconded by Denise Bealor. Once this is built, it would be maintained by the Park Department. Motion passed unanimously.

Denise Bealor presented the Code of Conduct for the Activity Center for Older Adults (information attached). The sub-committee is made up of Denise Bealor, Cindy Polito, Pam Carroll, Dee DeVincent, Vicky Gower and Pam Stump. The committee met and discussed what other facilities had for their policies and compiled a Code of Conduct that would be signed by members of the Center. The motion to accept the Code of Conduct for the ACOA as unanimously approved on a motion by Karen Ellison, seconded by Nicole Messacar.

#### **BOARD MEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

Karen Ellison asked when the kayak lockers would be painted. Mark Schreiber stated it will hopefully be completed once the weather is suitable for painting.

Mitch Felkes stated that the Shamrock Shindig held at the Civic Auditorium was a great event.

The motion to adjourn was unanimously approved on a motion by Nicole Messacar, seconded by Denise Bealor.



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