

**La Porte Park and Recreation  
Board Minutes  
January 20, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by President Mitch Feikes, also in attendance were, Nicole Messacar, Drew Mullen, Karen Ellison, Jake Huelat, Karyl Feikes, Mark Schreiber, Pam Carroll, Brett Binversie and Roberta Mumaw.

**Election of Officers**

Karen Ellison nominated Mitch Feikes as Board President for 2021., the nomination was seconded by Jake Huelat. Nomination passed unanimously.

Karen Ellison nominated Jake Huelat for Vice President; the nomination was seconded by Kyleen Fuller.

Drew Mullen nominated Nicole Messacar for Vice President; nomination seconded by Nicole Messacar.

Karen Ellison and Jake Huelat voted in favor of Jake Huelat for Vice President

Kyleen Fuller, Drew Mullen and Nicole Messacar voted in favor of Nicole Messacar for Vice President. The vote goes to Nicole Messacar for Vice President.

Nicole Messacar nominated Roberta Mumaw for Board Secretary, seconded by Drew Mullen. nomination passed unanimously.

**Recognitions**

None

**Minutes**

The previous months minutes were accepted unanimously on a motion by Nicole Messacar, seconded by Jake Huelat.

**Bills and Claims**

The bills and claims in the amount of \$44,662.89 were unanimously approved on a motion by Jake Huelat, seconded by Nicole Messacar.

**Public Comment**

None

**Sub-Committee**

None

**Old Business**

Mark Schreiber updated the Board on COVID -19. With the county still being in red rentals at Cummings Lodge will only allow for 25 people, and the Civic Auditorium will remain closed for rentals. COVID testing continues at the Civic through the month of March. Recreation classes are being held with limited numbers to allow for social distancing. The youth sports registration nights were unfortunately canceled due to the restriction on gathering sizes. These registration nights count for about one third of our registrations. Currently we are offering 3 different ways to get signed up, online, in person at the Park Office, and over the phone. With our office opening, there are COVID protocols in place for those coming in to conduct business.

WinterFest activities have been downsized, with craft classes being held at the Civic, a Scavenger Hunt at Fox Park, Snowman building contest at Kesling Park and new this year will be a 5-mile bike ride.

Nicole Messacar stated that she is currently waiting to make contract with the contractor regarding a start date for the Kiwanis Teledyne project. Mark Schreiber stated that the public notice portion for the dredging permit had to be resubmitted and will delay the permit by about 30 days.

Mark Schreiber informed the Board that Huber's has agreed to the terms of the contract that was agreed upon for the leasing of the Pine Lake Boat Launch.

Mark Schreiber stated that there was only one proposal along with two alternate proposals submitted for the Stone Lake Boat docks. The proposal and alternates were submitted by Ed Fay. The proposals were reviewed by the committee along with the Mayor and City Attorney. Mark has been working with Ed to make sure they are favorable to not only the City, but to local residents as well. Once a final agreement is in hand it will be brought to the Board.

#### **New Business**

Mark Schreiber has met with a few residents who have shown interest in a 9-hole disc golf course at Kesling Park. This would be in the confines of the walking trail area. A motion was made to approve the disc golf course at Kesling Park by Jake Huelat, seconded by Drew Mullen. Jake Huelat feels this is a great thing for the area and wondered if there is an opportunity to provide a kiosk for possible equipment rental. Mark Schreiber stated this is something that could be looked at for the future. Karen Ellison feels it would be a great thing for the PE students at Kesling as well. A motion was made by Jake Huelat to table the approval of the disc golf course until the February meeting. Seconded by Drew Mullen. Motion to table passed unanimously.

Pam Carroll requested permission from the Board to apply for a gaming license that would allow the 5 Maple City travel baseball teams to hold a raffle for YETI products. Each player would be given 12 raffle tickets to sell at \$10 each. Each of the teams would have a goal of \$400 per team, this would allow the teams to purchase baseballs, bat weights and other miscellaneous team equipment. Until the \$400 goal is met, 50% would go towards the team goal and 50% to player participation. This would be less any expenses involved with the raffle, tickets, printing, product, gaming license, etc. A motion was made by Nicole Messacar to apply for a gaming license, seconded by Drew Mullen. It has been confirmed with the city attorney that a gaming license is required to hold any type of raffle. Mitch Feikes stated there must be a separate account to hold the gaming monies. Pam Carroll will work with the Clerk Treasurers office regarding setting up this account. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Board/Department Head comments**

Mike Schreiber updated the Board on the status of the ice rink, which is currently closed. We ask that the public be patient, as the rink is weather dependent.

The bridge has been put in place on the Stone Lake trail, the retaining wall has been put together as well, the bridge decking will be placed in the spring.

Drew Mullen says there is about a 50/50 split between cars and pedestrians/cyclists along the Stone Lake trail.

Mark Schreiber stated the maintenance crew has been keeping the trails cleared of snow.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Jake Huelat, seconded by Nicole Messacar.



Mitch Feikes, President



Roberta Mumaw, Secretary

Approved: 2-17-20