

Special LaPorte Park and Recreation Board Meeting  
April 20, 2011

The meeting was called to order by the President, Carol Bigg. Also attending were Bill Elliott, Adam Schoff, Bret Binversi, Carol Surowiec, Sylvia Smith, Dean Heise, and Pam Carroll.

Dean read a memo from Matt Cook, City of LaPorte Human Resource Director, who was the facilitator for the Civic Auditorium Director's hiring process. The position was posted from February 14 through March 3, 2011, on the City of LaPorte website and also the Indiana Parks and Recreation Association website. As a result of the posting, twenty-three applications were received. Four were selected to be interviewed; three on April 7 and one on April 12. Participants in the interview process were Dean Heise, Brett Binversi, Adam Schoff, Tom Sallwasser and Matt Cook. Candidates were rated on their relevant work experience, knowledge, supervisor experience, and their personal interview. As a result of this process, it was recommended to the Park Board and the Civic Advisory Board to hire Geoff Weliver as the Director of the Civic Auditorium.

Bill Elliott made a motion to approve the recommendation to hire Geoff Weliver as the Director of the Civic Auditorium, seconded by Sylvia Smith. Adam Schoff noted as a member of the interview committee it was phenomenal to have wonderful candidates. All four candidates were local. It speaks highly of the local talent but also of the economic problems that we are having locally. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Park and Recreation Board had a short recess to allow the Civic Advisory Board to vote on the recommendation. The hiring of the Director of the Civic Auditorium is subject to the approval of the Civic Advisory Board.

Tom Sallwasser spoke for the Civic Advisory Board. The Civic Advisory Board has just voted its enthusiastic approval of Geoff Weliver being chosen as the Director of the Civic Auditorium.

The Park and Recreation Board re-convened.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Bill Elliott, seconded by Brett Binversi.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Carol Bigg, President



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Adam Schoff, Secretary

Approved 5/11/2011