

**LA PORTE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
BOARD MEETING
JULY 16, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by President Mitch Feikes, who also led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Also in attendance were Ryan Seaburg, Denise Bealor, JR Francis, Mark Schreiber, Evan Miller, Gregory Pietsch, Karyl Feikes and Roberta Mumaw.

RECOGNITIONS

None

MINUTES

The minutes from the June meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Ryan Seaburg, seconded by Denise Bealor.

BILLS AND CLAIMS

The bills and claims in the amount of \$134,671.68 were unanimously approved on a motion by Denise Bealor, seconded by JR Francis. Mark Schreiber stated that the \$56,000 payment to Lalumiere is their portion of the proceeds from the La Porte Invitational.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SUB-COMMITTEE

None

OLD BUSINESS

Mark Schreiber updated the board on the progress of the Civic elevator repairs. Mary Ann Richards has completed all the required paperwork/studies and is now waiting for approval. She is hoping for funding to come in early November.

Mark Schreiber presented the revised pickleball proposals to the board. John Rubel added Rumely courts as a dedicated pickleball court to the plan. The top priority is to expand the Kesling Park courts. The motion to adopt the La Porte Pickleball Master Plan was made by JR Francis, seconded by Denise Bealor. Having the master plan allows us to know the projected costs and priorities. When we are ready to proceed, it will be brought before the board for approval. Funding will dictate progress. The motion passed unanimously.

Mark Schreiber stated that a discussion on trail usage was posted to facebook with several comments regarding trail usage. The recommendation would be to set a policy of 15 MPH speed limit on all multi-use trails with signage posted. At this time, E-bikes would be allowed, but anything requiring gas and golf carts would not be allowed. The recommendation was unanimously approved on a motion by Ryan Seaburg, seconded by Denise Bealor.

NEW BUSINESS

Mark Schreiber requested board approval for Mitch Feikes to sign the MOU for the statue that has been installed at Fox Park. This is being paid for by the UEA, and even though it is in the park, we are not liable for any damages if they should occur. The motion to allow Mitch Feikes to sign the MOU was approved unanimously on a motion by Ryan Seaburg, seconded by JR Francis.

Mark Shreiber has been approached by the committee from the Unity Foundation who is planning the retirement recognition for Maggi Spartz asking to rename the area below the sea wall at Unity Park. The request is to name that area the "Maggi Spartz Promenade". Maggie has been with the Unity Foundation for 30 years and was instrumental in the development of Unity Park. The request to rename the area was approved unanimously on a motion by JR Francis, seconded by Denise Bealor.

Mark Schreiber requested permission from the board to allow parking on the grass, the use of utility vehicles and to extend the hours to midnight in Fox Park on August 16 for the FOP Bluesfest and August 23 for the Guardian Riders music event both events will be held at the Dennis F. Smith Amphitheater. An additional request to allow parking on the grass and the use of utility vehicles for the Tour De la Porte that will be held August 22-24 at Cummings Lodge. All request were approved unanimously on a motion by Ryan Seaburg, seconded by JR Francis.

DEPARTMENT HEAD/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mark Schreiber reminded the board that Lakefest is coming up and there are many great events that will showcase our Parks.

Mark Schreiber stated that Beechwood's Jr. PGA team is playing their final match tonight against Briarwood and are currently undefeated. This has been a very successful program over the past years.

Gregory Pietsch updated the board on the upcoming events at the Civic:

July 18 Hinder

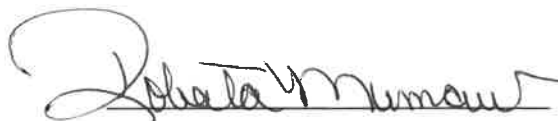
August 8 Friday Night Live – Cheeseburger in Paradise

August 9 Gone to Paradise

The motion to adjourn was made by Ryan Seaburg, seconded by Denise Bealor. Motion approved unanimously.



Mitch Feikes, President



Roberta Mumaw, Secretary

Approved: 8.20.25