

MUNSTER BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
MUNSTER TOWN HALL
Tuesday, September 20, 2022

MINUTES

Park Board Members present: Mike Sowards, President; Robyn Paulsen, Vice President; Dan Repay, Board Member; Ron Ostojic, School Board Liaison; Ken Schoon, Town Council Liaison.

Park Staff present: Mark Heintz, Director of Parks and Recreation; Kevin Dark, Superintendent of Operations; Jill Higgins, Superintendent of Recreation; Janice Uram, Park Board Recording Secretary.

Others present: Wendy Mis, Clerk-Treasurer; Virtually
Mike Djumovic, 1833 Tulip Lane
Stu Vogel, 1470 Charlevoix Way, Schererville
Munster High School Government Class Students (see attached)

1. *CALL TO ORDER*

President Sowards called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. *PUBLIC COMMENT*

Mr. Vogel asked the Board's permission to put a memorial plaque in the ballfield concession stand in memory of a long-time Babe Ruth coach, and mentor who recently passed away. The Board was in agreement.

3. *ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS*

a. *Approval of Park Board Minutes*

i. August 16, 2022 Minutes

It was motioned by Board Member Repay and seconded by Board Member Cerven to approve the August 16, 2022 minutes. The motion carried by a vote of 4 in favor and 0 opposed and the minutes were approved.

b. *Confirmation/Approval of Park Vouchers*

i. Approval of Voucher Register 22-9A dated 09/20/22 totaling \$41,225.62

ii. Confirmation of Voucher Register 22-9B dated 8/1-31/22 totaling \$109,971.31

iii. Confirmation of Voucher Register 22-9C dated 9/19/22 totaling \$4,319.50

It was motioned by Board Member Repay and seconded by Board Member Cerven to approve Voucher Registers 22-9A, 22-9B and 22-9C. The motion carried by a vote of 4 in favor and 0 opposed and the Vouchers were approved.

c. *Reports*

i. September Board Report

Approval continues daily for those registering for the free parking. The Centennial Park Parking Subcommittee will meet soon to revisit and evaluation the system and processes. Remote connectivity in the parks and dog park has not been available for a month. Various equipment and cabling have been replaced and additional work is still in progress. An RFP for fiber optics at Community Park is currently out. The Fall Recreation Guide is available in the park office and online. The fall soccer season is underway. The Pennsy Bike Ride has a beautiful weather night with 184 participants. Park Maintenance Staff spent time grinding down high spots in the asphalt along the greenway for the ride. The A/C-heater at the Babe Ruth concession stand was replaced, repairs were made to the playground and all practice ballfields were rototilled, dragged and sprayed.

- ii. Town Council Liaison Report
Councilor Schoon reported that the lawsuit regarding the clubhouse at Centennial Park has been settled for a reasonable amount and will not go to trial costing the Town more attorney fees.
- iii. Director's Report
The Director reviewed with the Board a Park Department report he will be presenting at the next Town Council meeting.

4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

- a. Summer Camp Summary
Summer Camp was again very successful this year. The 8 weeks of camp had 665 campers, 1 Camp Director, 2 Coordinators and 15 Counselors. Day-to-Day staff themed each week and within each week, campers were offered a special dress-up day. Campers enjoyed arts/crafts, games, competitions, pool time, and ice cream surprises. Field trips were taken every other week and entertainment was brought in on alternate weeks. Feedback via Facebook and written evaluations was all positive.
- b. Community Pool Season Summary
This year's pool season was good. During the 11 weeks the pool was open, 11,150 people visited. The new pool manager did a great job enforcing the rules and worked well with the staff. Saves/Rescues were down from last year as were calls to the Police. Changing the slide height requirements helped a lot. Total Revenue was approximately \$28,500.
- c. Pool Capital Improvements
Staff is seeking to make some capital improvements at the pool. This includes replacing the original hydrochloric liquid acid system with a safer system that uses pucks or pellets and replacing the sand play area north of the existing concessions patio and also making it larger. The original PA system and speakers are also in need of replacement. Most all of this will be funded by the upcoming general obligation bond. The Board unanimously agreed with the improvements.

5. ADJOURNMENT

President Sowards called for a motion to adjourn.

It was motioned by Board Member Repay and seconded by Board Member Cerven to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by a vote of 4 in favor and 0 opposed and the meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Janice Uram, Secretary

Date

Mike Sowards, President

Date

Attendance
Board of Munster Parks and Recreation
September 20, 2022

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