

**CITY OF MISHAWAKA, BOARD OF PARKS & RECREATION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

DATE: April 12, 2010
TIME: 4:30 p.m.
PLACE: Battell Community Center, Community Room
PRESENT: Reg Wagle, John Coppens, Carolyn Teeter, Bob Shriner, and Ellen West
ALSO PRESENT: Michael Faulkner, Carmen Maes, George Fowler, Richard Frye, Joe VanNevel, Rick Springer, Michelle Werntz, Robert C. Beutter

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Board President, Mr. Wagle, called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by Mr. Wagle calling for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 8, and March 22 2010, regularly scheduled Park Board meetings. Mrs. Teeter moved to approve the minutes as submitted and Mr. Coppens seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

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OLD BUSINESS:

None at this time.

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NEW BUSINESS:

City Planner, Ken Prince provided the Board with information about developments happening in the Hillis Hans park area. According to Mr. Prince, the owners of the apartment complex north of Hillis Hans are seeking funding for making improvements to the apartment complex. If the City made renovations to the park, it would help the apartment complex in receiving its funding. The City intends to make approximately \$75,000 worth of renovations to the Hillis Hans park including adding a pavilion, combining play equipment, adding a small parking lot and walk way to the pavilion, as well as removing the old tennis court. Mr. Prince requested permission to hold a neighborhood meeting at 6 PM following the May 10th Park Board Meeting. He also requested to move the start time for the Board meeting to 5 PM so that the neighborhood meeting would immediately follow. Mrs. Teeter moved to approve the neighborhood meeting as well as the change in start time for the Board meeting for May 10th and Mr. Coppens seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Michelle Werntz, Office Manager for the Department requested payment approval of claims for the Parks & Recreation Department as listed below:

<u>Docket Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1000116	\$ 327.00
1000131	\$ 327.00
1000133	\$ 249.00
1000135	\$ 10.00
1000136	\$ 20.00
1000137	\$57,764.35
1000139	\$ 338.00

Mrs. Teeter moved to approve the claims as presented on the above docket. Mr. Shriner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. VanNevel requested approval to declare skates as items of surplus with a declared value of \$0.00. Mrs. Teeter moved to approve the request and Mrs. West seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Frye requested to set a fee for use of the driving range at Eberhart. The proposal indicated that baskets of balls would be sold (\$2.50 for small, \$4.00 for large) to customers for use on the range. Only those purchasing baskets of balls would then be able to use the range. The proposal also included a range card(s) for those who wished to practice often (50 basket punch card at \$100.00 for small, \$160.00 for large). The Department would receive 25% of the revenues Mr. Frye collected from this structure and would be receipted as general funds. The Golf Committee for the Board recommended approval of the fee and moved to approve the request. Mrs. Teeter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Battell Center donations for the month of February totaled \$1,236.35. Mr. Coppens moved to approve the donations as presented and Mrs. Teeter seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Faulkner presented the Board with an \$11,000.00 donation from the Mishawaka Lions Club for use in rebuilding a pavilion at Merrifield Park. Mrs. Teeter moved to approve the donation and Mrs. West seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

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Monthly Departmental Reports

Mr. Faulkner discussed a variety of things including the demolition and rebuilding of the pavilion at Merrifield South, the continuation of software training via remote, the adoption of Henry Frank Park by the Sunshine Rotary Club, the annual Volunteer Breakfast at Battell Center set for April 15th, the annual Arbor Day celebration set for April 23rd at Wilson Hill, the first day for the Organic Market set for April 24th at Beutter and the progress of Summerfest.

Mrs. Maes discussed the recreational activities for the Department for the month of March. Items included closing the tubing hill for the season, finalizing concert contracts, software training, summer softball registration and several meetings.

Mr. Faulkner provided the monthly figures for Battell Center. Revenue was \$5,976.89 and building attendance was 4,482. In addition Mr. Faulkner indicated that the auditorium held six events, including the BackBeats concert and a Relay for Life benefit. Mr. Faulkner added that the United Way Tax Service seemed to be well attended.

Mr. Fowler advised the Board of the course maintenance for the month of March at Eberhart, including treating for crabgrass, removing a large stump, mowing, turning on the irrigation system, and cleaning up debris.

Mr. VanNevel provided the Board with season statistics for the Ice Rink Complex. He also indicated that he had had contact with Starz Diving regarding their summer diving program. Representatives had come to review the facilities and they are looking forward to making the voluntary improvements for the summer and starting the diving program.

Mr. Springer provided the Board with the Landscape activities for March. He also reported that all memorial trees and benches had been GPS'd and logged.

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Mr. Wagle then called for additional questions and/or comments from any others present at the Board meeting. The following is a list of the persons who spoke and the general comments expressed by each:

Larry Mollis of 16128 Chandler Blvd., Mishawaka, IN 46545

Addressed the Board offering praise that the course looked the best it's looked in a long time. He also talked about divot courtesy and training of starters on handling divot issues, and then asked for a compromise on the range issue that had been presented at the Board meeting, indicating that season passholders used to be able to hit balls on the range without having to pay.

Robert DeBroka of 1110 Barrington Place, Mishawaka, IN 46545

Addressed the Board saying he plays 60-70 courses a year and that Eberhart is the best kept secret. He questioned who would be picking up the range balls on the practice range in the proposal from Mr. Frye. He then suggested season passholders not be charged and that times be set aside for season ticket holders who wish to use the range for practice.

Bob Acrey of 513 N. State Street, Mishawaka, IN 46544

Addressed the Board commenting that the course was in nice shape. He then discussed the Trippel family (Jim Trippel) and how his kids were raised on the course. He commented that Mr. Trippel often likes to go to the range to hit a few balls, get some exercise and shag his own balls on the range – and now we're just going to take that away.

John Dhaenens of 16171 Chandler Blvd., Mishawaka, IN 46545

Addressed the Board, giving complements to the staff at the golf course. He expressed the same sentiments on the practice greens as the others before him and also added that he thought the course had become the outing capital of the world. He articulated that weekends were booked too much for outings and that passholders felt locked out to play.

As there were no further questions or comments to be made, Mrs. Teeter moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Coppens seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Submitted for Approval to the Board

Michelle L. Werntz,
Office Manager, Parks & Recreation

Approved: _____
Carolyn Teeter, Board Secretary