

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

DATE: September 12, 2016
TIME: 4:30 p.m.
PLACE: City Council Chambers, City Hall
PRESENT: Reg Wagle, John Coppens, Carolyn A. Teeter, Ellen West, Tony Violi
NOT PRESENT: Michael P. Faulkner
ALSO PRESENT: Phil Blasko, Yvonne Teeter, Robert C. Beutter, Esq., George Fowler, Andrew Roop, Jacob Crawford, Bradleah Mick, Carmen Carpenter, Tim Ryan, Louis Hazen, Jason Stefaniak

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Board President, Reg Wagle, called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. West. Mr. Wagle called for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 22nd Park Board meeting. Mrs. Teeter moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Coppens seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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OLD BUSINESS:

None at this time.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Blasko presented a request on behalf of Sally Johnson, Program Coordinator for the Battell Community Center, for approval of new and altered fees for the Battell Community Center. Mrs. West moved to approve the request and Mrs. Teeter seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Teeter requested the Board approve for payment the following claim docket(s):

<u>Docket #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2016-381	\$843.65
2016-387	\$3,681.75
2016-389	\$213.50
2016-396	\$96,364.65
2016-397	\$572.30

Mr. Coppens moved to approve the claims as presented and Mrs. Teeter seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

Phil Blasko, on behalf of Sally Johnson, reported to the Board several new adult and youth classes are starting at the Battell Community Center such as: Chair Yoga, Classical Mat Pilates, Preschool Yoga and Family Yoga.

George Fowler, Superintendent of Golf Maintenance, reported to the Board a new Hillside Mower was purchased from Burriss Equipment.

Andrew Roop, Director of Golf Operations, reported to the Board he is extremely proud to announce after all of their marketing efforts, he was able to get twenty-two (22) kid signed up for this year's Garbage Open.

Jacob Crawford, Manager of Landscape/Urban Forestry, shard with the Board he hosted a Bethel Service Day at Central Park, Kate's Garden, Battell Park and the Mishawaka Police Station. The Bethel kids planted just shy of one thousand (1000) plants between Beutter and Battell Park, and they laid fifty (50) yards of mulch between Central Park, Kate's Garden and the Police Station.

Bradleah Mick, Director of Aquatics/Ice Rink, shared with the Board there were one hundred thirty eight (138) participants in this year's Learn to Swim program at Merrifield Pool.

Carmen Carpenter, Director of Recreation/Special Events, shared with the Board the Harvest Dance was well attended. They had sixty three (63) RSVP's but an estimated one hundred (100) were in attendance. All of the food and bottled water were donated by the Waterford at Edison Lakes Senior Living Center.

Full Director's Reports are on file.

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CENTRAL SERVICES REPORT:

Louis Hazen, Grounds Manager for the Central Services Dept., reported to the Board he tried to change the parks mowing schedule to a four (4) day schedule, but with the seasonal hours being cut ten (10) hours per week, he has had to maintain a five (5) day schedule. This has also caused him to have to cut out the majority of the edging and weed eating.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Jason Stefaniak, Assistant Chief for the Mishawaka Police Dept., reported to the Board it has been a long summer in the Parks, but with the new beat at Central Park, he believes activity has settled down.

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SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Mr. Blasko shared with the Board we have had several challenges thrown at us these last couple of months, including problems we didn't see coming, but everyone is doing great accepting it and getting what needs to be done, done. Mr. Blasko stated we have a great team right now.

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OPEN FORUM:

Mr. Wagle called for additional questions and/or comments from those in attendance. Angela Eberhart of Mishawaka, IN expressed her concerns regarding the euthanization of the geese. Angela announced her and members of the "Save the Geese" page would be willing to assist in planting grass, etc. for free, in order to help keep the geese out of the parks.

Charles Smith of South Bend, IN expressed his concerns regarding the public being left out of the decisions to euthanize the geese. Mr. Charles believes there is more than one solution to controlling the geese within the parks.

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ADJOURNMENT:

As there were no further questions or comments to be made, a motion for adjournment was made by Mrs. Teeter and seconded by Mrs. West. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Submitted for Approval to the Board



Yvonne Teeter, Office Coordinator
Parks & Recreation Department

Approved: _____
Carolyn A. Teeter, Board Secretary