

## Minutes from September 26, 2022 Knox Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

### **Attendance:**

Board Members Present: Autumn Ferch, Gary Dulin, Lora Estok, Ruth Bailey and Nathan Bradley

Board Members Not Present: Glenn Barnes

Others Present: Karl Swihart

Amendments to Agenda for September 26, 2022 – none

Acceptance of minutes from August 22, 2022: Motion – Ruth, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Gary. All in favor.

**Public Comment** - none

### **Presentation of Financials**

#### **Old Business**

- Truck Update
  - Brian Triska is willing to work with us on getting a truck, but he is still unable to do so.
- Equipment Purchase Update
  - All equipment was purchased for \$5,500.
- 5 Year Park Plan
  - Working on getting the public survey ready. The board decided to just use the same survey as before.

#### **New Business**

- Ball Diamond 5 Relocation
  - Karl wants to move ball diamond 5 so it faces a different direction. One reason would be so the fence isn't by the hill. This will prevent sledding accidents.
    - Motion – Nathan, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Gary. All in favor
- Lights at Volleyball Courts
  - Karl wants to install lights near the volleyball courts. Recently by the time the 2<sup>nd</sup> game started it was too dark to see.
  - There is power over there and old Nipsco poles in the back as well as lights.
  - The board could consider this as an option in the future.
  - It was also discussed to look into installing lights at the basketball court.
- Patronicity Grant
  - Karl has located a grant which is a \$50,000 matching grant. It is a crowd funding grant.
  - Board discussed grant and agreed to have Karl think of projects that could be covered by grant.

- Written Park Policies
  - Recently people have been asking to have bounce houses in the park. In June of 2020 the board voted to not permit bounce houses in the park.
  - It is time for the board to come up with written policies on what is and isn't allowed when renting shelters and/or the band stage.
  - The board is to think of things to include in this policy.

### **Director's Report**

- A&M roofing has contacted Karl requesting to donate a scoreboard. It would have their name advertised on it.
  - Motion to approve Karl moving forward with the scoreboard donation.
    - Motion – Ruth, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Nathan. All in favor.
- Trunk or treat is scheduled for October 27<sup>th</sup> from 4-5:30 in the park.
- Sarah Shaw, who works for INDOT, has contacted Karl wanting to have an adult softball tournament on October 8<sup>th</sup> in the park. She has requested the fee be waived because the money raised is donated to a charity.
  - Motion to waive fee – Nathan, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ruth. All in favor
- Working on the floors in the old concession stand bathrooms.
- Port a pots have been returned to Johnsons and now using the ones owned by the city.
- Karl is going to talk to SKILL about welding a gate for field 4.
- The pavilion is done, Jeremiah Patrick is going to fill in the ruts in the grass.
- There is a Softball Tournament on the weekend of October 28<sup>th</sup>. So far there is 17 teams signed up.
- Karl suggests that the fields be recrowned. Warsaw purchased a machine that we could use for this.
  - Motion to spend up to \$2,500 to recrown fields
    - Motion – Nathan, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Gary. All in favor.

### **Board Member Comments**

- Motion to Adjourn – Ruth 2<sup>nd</sup> – Nathan. All in favor