

Minutes from June 26, 2023 Knox Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

Attendance:

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

Board Members Not Present:

Others Present: Karl Swihart, Jim Johnson

Amendments to Agenda for June 26, 2023

- None

Acceptance of minutes from May 22, 2023: Motion – Glenn, 2nd – Gary. All in favor.

Public Comment

Presentation of Financials

- No discussion

Old business

New Business

- Sprinkler Quotes
 - We are going to be getting quotes to install sprinklers near the band stage.
 - Karl suggested getting quotes to install sprinklers at the ball diamonds too.
- Mulch Purchase
 - The playground mulch needs to be replaced at Wythogan. Start getting quotes for ADA mulch and rubber mulch to see which would be best.
- Swing Replacement
 - The parent child swing by the river broke.
 - Motion made to replace the swing.
 - Motion – Glenn, 2nd – Nathan. All in favor.
- Acceptance of CVC grant funding for Kayak Launch
 - The CVC has awarded a grant to the Starke County park board to install Kayak Launches
 - One of the launches is in the park.
 - Now they would like to award the grant for that launch to the Knox Park Board so we can install that launch.
 - Motion to accept grant – Nathan, 2nd – Ruth. All in favor.
- Book Exchange Box Placement
 - Lora had a book exchange box made; we need to decide where it should be placed.
 - The board decided to place it around the shelter near the splash pad.

Director's Report

- Karl's last day is Thursday.

Board Member Comments

- The board thanked Karl for all of his work in building programs in the park.
- It was discussed to add to the 5 year park plan the rebuilding of the old concession stand to upgrade the restrooms.
- There is a dimmer or shield going on the lights at the new concession stand
- Field 3 there are issues with the score board. It is not working correctly
 - The board needs to put together a policy or plan on how they are going to be used.
- Board discussed meeting times.
 - Motion was made to begin the meetings at 5:30.
 - Motion – Nathan, 2nd – Lora. All in favor.
- Motion to Adjourn – Ruth, 2nd – Nathan. All in favor