

Terre Haute Park and Recreation Board

Board Meeting, December 15, 2021

Fort Harrison Room, Deming Park

Terre Haute, Indiana 47803

The Terre Haute Park and Recreation Board held its monthly Business Meeting on December 15, 2021 at 4:30PM, Torner Center Building, 500 S Fruitridge Ave. Terre Haute, Indiana, 47803. Board members in attendance were President, Gordon Bryan, Vice President Bobby Moore, Secretary, John Wright.

Minutes from November 17, 2021 were approved as submitted.

Vote 3-0

A Departmental Statement of Activities was furnished by the Controller's Office, as of November 30, 2021. Payroll and Claims per the report were approved as submitted for Parks, Hulman, and Rea.

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President Gordon Bryan, welcomed the public and turned the meeting over to Superintendent Eddie Bird.

Old Business

Christmas in the Park opening night had great attendance. We had introductions in front of Torner and Santa arrived by the Spirit of Terre Haute train this year. Fireworks were great. Judging Night was successful. Fewer attendance.

First Place : PS We Love You

Second Place: Team of Mercy

Third Place: Terre Haute Humane Society

Fourth Place: Delta Theta Tau

Fifth Place: Wabash Valley Master Gardeners

Sixth Place: Knights of Columbus

People's Choice: Sarah Scott

Spencer Park: Basketball courts were resurfaced through the help of United Way. Still need to purchase to goals.

New Business

Parks Department Update: Mayor Bennett – Through READI, a six county region in the Wabash River Development Authority has been awarded \$20 million as part of this grant program. All projects require matching funds. Plans for each county were reviewed and scored by established guidelines. All of these projects will result in positive impact for Indiana.

The Mayor has paid for a Master Plan on Fairbanks Park to identify projects and prioritize those based on cost.

Examples:

River walk, seawall. DNR is going to repair the boat ramp.

Unfortunately, the renovation of Wm S. Rea Park is not going to be a reality. However, the concerns are real structurally and this will have to be resolved, even if it has to be replaced.

Trail extension from Rea to 7th and Margaret to Graham Grain. It will consist of crushed stone.

Other items Deming Pool- Zero entry – Train track @ Deming- resurface tennis courts @ Deming with a pickleball line.

Herz Rose Neighborhood project is moving slow about 90% designed.

An assessment will be made of the needs at 12 of our smaller parks, to improve the quality of life. Playgrounds , splash pads, etc. Sara Turpin, and George Cesinger will assess and rate these. All findings should also correlate with Master Plan.

Cost to repair existing train track came in @ \$105,000.00 labor & material.

Pottery contracts were approved for Melissa Leturgez and Hayley Bean for a (6) month term. Vote 3-0

The Park Board approved the union contract between Chauffeurs, Teamsters, Warehouseman and Helpers Local 135 - January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2025. Vote 3-0

Public Comment

None

Announcement

None

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM.



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President, Gordon Bryan



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Secretary, John Wright

Next Meeting

Special Call @ 3:50PM

Meeting

January 19, 2022 @ 4:00PM

Deming Park, Torner Center

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