



Town of Speedway
Parks and Recreation Board

Meeting of April 16, 2018
Minutes

ATTENDANCE

Board Members	Vincent Ash Melanie Heaviland Matt Lievertz Mark Chastain Denny Pelley
Town Employees	Mike Smith Tammy Smith
Guests	Alvina Gonzalez de La Torre Kevin Huber

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order: Meeting called to order by Vincent at 6:01pm
2. Attendance and Determination of Quorum: Quorum was determined with four members present at beginning. Melanie Heaviland, Vincent Ash, Matt Lievertz, and Denny Pelly. Mark showed up after approval of minutes.
3. Adoption of Agenda: Matt made a motion to accept the agenda as provided. Denny seconded the motion. Agenda was adopted by a vote of 4-0.
4. Approval of Minutes
 - a. March 19, 2018 meeting minutes: Matt made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2018 meeting. Denny seconded the motion. Approved as presented by a vote of 4-0.
5. Guests
 - a. Alvina Gonzalez de La Torre, Elmer Rivera, Kelly Rivera: Members from Prince of Peace Church. They want to hold an event on August 25, 2018. To reach out to women of all ages, open to the public. Music provided by church members. To spread gospel. They will have giveaways of water and chips free of charge. Denny asked how many people they anticipate, she replied about 40 from their church. Denny asked how they will advertise, her response was they have plenty of church members that will know about it but they want to reach out to others, especially women. Matt asked if when their event is going on, can people come over that are already at the park? He hopes it will be an event where people can come up to the event versus them being approached by someone soliciting to come up. She replied that is correct. No one will be approached. It will be an open event. Vincent asked if there was going to be a sermon. She replied, yes, between music. Vincent was concerned with the strength of the message and it offending others. She replied that it will

be a message of love, geared toward women of domestic issues. They will have a sound system. Mark inquired about the volume of the sound. The music will be from individual musicians and they will keep it at a respectable volume. Mike asked if they were going to make this an ongoing event. They said they would if it's successful and we approve them to do it. Vincent told them they need to book the gazebo to reserve it. Other guest, Kevin Huber, spoke up that it is a civic structure, not a shelter house. His house is by the gazebo. He complained about it last year. He doesn't understand why he has to come home and listen to others' party. He doesn't understand why these people can't have it in their parking lot since their church isn't in Speedway. He expressed that he has the right to enjoy his home and not have to listen to others partying. He had an issue with a kid practicing playing the trumpet. He complained about the fireworks a couple years ago but he acknowledged that it was stopped last year. He brought up about cars pulling up to the gazebo and put grills in the gazebo. He doesn't think it's right that the gazebo is open to individual people because it's a civic structure and should be used for civic events. Matt said that the gazebo has been up for rent for many years. It is used for civic events but also used by individuals. If it's not for rent or being used, as with other areas of the park, it's first come first serve. Matt agrees that Kevin's point regarding volume is valid. Matt said the events of the gazebo that do include music by groups such as this church's request, is appropriate. There is a rule about amplification in the parks and we understand that it's not always enforced. Kevin expressed that he doesn't like mariachi music and that's what he comes home to 7 weekends in a row and he doesn't think he needs to put up with it. Joe Kramer spoke up that he attended the board meeting 2 months ago. He indicated that he and Tammy have been working on updating park ordinances/codes for a couple months. He announced that we are updating codes relating to noise violations. Unnecessary noise is nothing we can do about now, but we are in the process of updating that and adding code. Joe said these church people are here because Speedway Parks has something nice to offer them. Kevin expressed that he feels we need to deal with the frequency of the loud music in the gazebo. Vincent thanked him for coming in and addressing his concerns. Vincent said hopefully in the near future he will see some changes. Vincent said to Alvina that we will discuss this further and we will get back with them.

Matt brought up the need for signage of the rules.

Vaping was asked about.

Joe and Tammy are working on investigating the noise issues. Distance should be from the origin of the sound.

Joe said he has a cheat sheet that's provided to all the officers and dispatchers so they know the issues when complaints come in or they witness violations themselves.

We want to raise the fines to try to deter the violations.

Option to cut power at the gazebo if not reserved. Denny made a motion and Vincent seconded. The vote to cut the power at the gazebo until reserved was passed by a 5-0 vote.

Kevin Huber: See notes above.

- b. **Joe Kramer, Code Enforcement:** Joe Kramer presented his further updates on the Parks codes. He included Matt's suggestions to remove the "30 days" and maintain "upon Parks board approval." Joe and Tammy have worked together updating and making changes to ensure verbiage consistency throughout the codes.

6. Reports of Officers

- a. **Parks Supervisor - Facilities, maintenance and equipment:** Update from last month...the Comcast tree was taken out wed 4/11, they brought in heavy equipment but no damage was done. They requested Mike mark where the two new trees will need to be planted. One white and one red oak. They should be done next week. Restrooms were open with no issues no water leaks. There was an issue with one tennis court light and one horseshoe light. The horseshoe light wires were ripped out by a tree limb. The tree limb was trimmed and light was repaired. The mower had a hydrosystem issue and it cost about \$300. It's back and is working good. Squirrel trapping is still going on but we don't know how many they've gotten. He was supposed to end it the end of March but due to a surgery he extended it a couple weeks. Mark asked who owns the baseball scoreboard. So he asked who responsibility of the cost of repairs is. It's not working. There's power to it but it doesn't come on. Matt indicated that the contract states it's the SJBS responsibility to repair.
- b. **Parks Programs Director - Operations & programming**
 - i. Tammy finalized the Summer Camps schedule, and tri-fold flyers were printed and delivered to school administration on April 5th. Through the help of EGov support Tammy was able to get the online registrations up and accepting credit card payments on April 6th. Melanie asked when they were sent because they haven't seen it. Tammy indicated April 5th.
 - ii. Recognition of the Logo contest that was scheduled for April 9th has been postponed to the April 23rd Town Council meeting. All 3 winners, their teacher Ms. Weatherhead, and Principal Mr. Zartman will be in attendance.
 - iii. Tammy reported that in addition to the sponsors Heritage Crystal Clean and Wessler Engineering, she is expecting a donation from Alliance Insurance. She heard from a Lions Club member that they approved a donation but she has not seen it yet, nor knows the amount. She had talked to Bob Lamon with Indiana Memorial and he indicated he would sponsor but wasn't sure the amount. She also got an email today from OSCNA thanking her for speaking at their last meeting and they requested sponsorship information to present to their board to possibly sponsor the concerts. She forwarded them the proposal. In addition, the marketing director from Lakeview Manor took advantage of the free trees and they inquired about being interested in partnering with Speedway Parks so Tammy sent her the proposal as well.
 - iv. Tammy received 200 trees donated by Representative Karlee Macer and spent the last week distributing them to the community. Over 50 people took advantage of this program. There were approx. 2 dozen trees left over and Tammy was able to give them to a homeowner that has property in the country and they gladly took the remaining to plant on their land.
 - v. Tammy received a call from Nick Rayman Landscaping wanting to donate a tree for one of our parks. They will donate the tree and install it at our location of choosing. Mike Smith will coordinate with Tammy on where a good location would be.
 - vi. Since we tabled the discussion regarding the person's request to bury her son's ashes with a tree, Tammy suggests that we come up with our own Park rules/regulations for this issue in order to give this lady an answer as well as deal

with it if it ever comes up again. Due to the vague rules regarding this subject, she feels it would be in our best interest to have some guidelines. In researching it, she found on multiple law websites, the recommendation is to check with city/county/individual park regulations. Yet, when she has checked with other parks, none of them have any regulations regarding it. All of them seem to have a look the other way stance or they haven't had it presented as an issue for them. All language regarding potential rules are for scattering ashes versus burying them. These sites all have similar verbiage such as "don't ask, don't tell" and they indicate "no laws say yes you can and no laws say no you can't." Tammy has agreed to continue gathering information on the subject and suggests asking Bob Lamon to a Board meeting for further insight on the matter.

7. Reports of Standing Committees

- a. Facilities Committee: Matt said he'd like to see the creation of signage with rules, move forward to place in the parks. The signs should be fair and clear and helps to justify fines. Let's take pictures of other parks signage for examples.
- b. Finance Committee
 - i. Rental usage for other Amenities (Volleyball Courts, Baseball Fields, Tennis Courts): Vincent is still working on rentals. The best he thinks would be tier rates and hopes to have a draft by next meeting.
 - ii. Bounce House and Tent vendor: Melanie checked with 5 businesses and they require bounce houses be staked. The standard size is 15x15 and they do same day setup and tear down. If we decide to allow we need to have size restrictions. Noblesville allowed but must come and go same day. Outlet needs to be 90' away. Fishers has a limited liability clause we should add as a minimum if we move forward. Tammy will check with insurance coverage. City's responsibility statement. Danville says placement of rental tents, inflatables must be approved by Parks staff. Mike said last year there was a truck in the park and the guy had already erected one inflatable and was going to put up 3 more. Denny asked if someone erected one would they get a fine. Joe said yes and added the reason for no inflatables was an insurance liability issue. Matt is unclear if we have a limited authority on the streets around the park. Food trucks must have a business license and a permit from Speedway. Matt said it would be nice to offer a legal way for people to have inflatables.

8. Special Orders

9. Unfinished Business & General Orders

- a. Review of monthly claims – investigation: Vincent asked for a YTD and Budget column.
 - b. Special Private Park usages: Tammy is working on a special events permit and should have a sample by next meeting.
 - c. Need to do noise ordinances then we will vote on church usage.
10. New Business: Mark brought up that Jason DeLisle approached someone that drove on the grass at Meadowood Park and this person became confrontational. Joe wrote up proposed changes for the ordinances. He made changes for updating and increased fines. Dog excreta needs to be readded. Inadvertantly omitted. Joe will investigate signage from Wendell.
11. Good of the Order: Tree plaques at ground level

12. Announcements: **None**

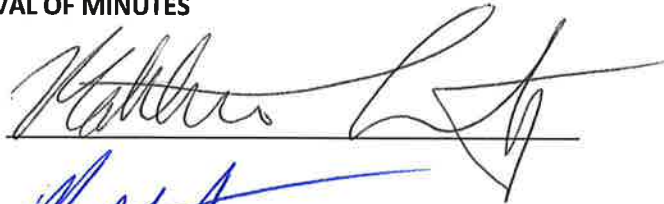
13. Adjournment: Vincent made a motion to adjourn meeting. Matt seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm

Next Meeting:

Monday, May 21, 2017 - 6:00pm - 5620 Crawfordsville Road, Suite M

Minutes prepared by Tammy Smith.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES



5/21/2018
Date



5/21/18
Date

