



Town of Speedway
Parks and Recreation Board

Meeting of November 19, 2018
Minutes

ATTENDANCE

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| Board Members | Vincent Ash Mark Chastain Denny Pelley |
| Town Employees | Tammy Smith |
| Guests | Nick Vlastic, Indy Beer Taps Rhonda & Juan Gonzalez Jr |

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order: Meeting called to order by Vincent at 6:03pm
2. Attendance and Determination of Quorum: Quorum was determined with three members present.
3. Adoption of Agenda: Mark made a motion to accept the agenda as provided. Denny seconded the motion. Agenda was adopted by a vote of 3-0.
4. Approval of Minutes: Mark made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 22, 2018 board meeting. Denny seconded the motion. October 22, 2018 minutes were adopted by a vote of 3-0.
5. Guests:
 - a. Nick Vlastic, Indy Beer Taps: Nick is introducing himself and his business in hopes that Speedway Parks will allow him to be at the summer concerts. A mobile craft beer and wine trailer used at concerts, weddings, corporate events, festivals, and more. Insured and licensed by the State of Indiana. Has a relationship with the concerts at other park venues. Danville, Avon, Brownsburg, Plainfield, and Whitestown have them at their concerts. This weekend he will be out at the Avon Skating Rink for Brews & Bumper Cars. He will also be at Whitestown for their Tiny Houses this winter. He tailor-makes menus and typically charges \$4-\$5. He also sells soda. Mark asked if he was primarily interested in the concerts. Nick indicated yes. Mark asked how he checks IDs. Nick indicated they do check IDs and his staff is thoroughly trained. They rope off the area which is restricted to 21 & over and they utilize wristbands. Denny asked if we (Speedway Parks) had ever done anything like this before. We did not know of a time. Mark asked if it would cost us anything. Nick said no. He's providing a service and just charges those that purchase. Denny questioned what all he'd need, such as permits, from the Town. Tammy will double check but we are certain he will need a vendor permit from Speedway, in addition to his alcohol permit and state license he already has. Vincent thanked Nick for coming and indicated our next board meeting is in January. We will table this and discuss then as a board. We will let him know what is decided.
 - b. Rhonda & Juan Gonzalez Jr.: Juan is a 5th grader at St. Christopher School. Rhonda is his mother. Juan would like a basketball hoop at Leonard Park. They have done a lot of

research and spoke with many people in support of this. The Gonzalez's brought in large poster boards reflecting information they gathered on Health Benefits, Financial Responsibility, and Trouble Shooting. They indicated they spoke with police and firemen who said they'd be willing to have a fundraising game to help raise money. Mrs. Gonzalez mentioned she called into 107.9 The Mix radio station, expressing pride in her son and how he wants to advocate for a basketball hoop at the park. The radio station aired it and they had callers offering to help donate materials and the radio station expressed a willingness to help fundraise. They also provided a support letter from his St. Christopher basketball coach, brought a list of 243 signatures of community residents in favor, and Jim Merlie came in to support Juan's efforts. Mr. Merlie is a teacher and coach at Speedway High School and also volunteer coaches for Speedway Youth Basketball League. Mr. Merlie commended Juan for just being here and that already made him a success. Mr. Merlie also expressed that a lot of life's lessons have become lost by not playing on the playground and in the parks. He also added that Coach Chuck Bennett is also in support of Juan and efforts to add basketball hoops in the parks. Mark said he is for it, but has a lot of questions on how we get from here to there. Funding is going to be a major issue in getting this done. Vincent commended Juan as well, and thanked him and his family for coming. We will discuss this as a board and research what all needs to be done to see if this can get done. It will not be a quick process as there's more involved in just saying we want to do it. There are a lot of other people that need to be consulted. Tammy mentioned that we are working on getting new tennis courts for Leonard this upcoming year. That will have to be done first but we will be work on talking to others to see what is involved in making this happen.

6. Reports of Officers

a. Parks Supervisor – Facilities, maintenance and equipment:

- i. Mike is on vacation. However, Tammy brought up an incident that Mike shared with her prior to his vacation regarding vandalism. The Meadowood bathroom doors were vandalized again. Wendell is looking into pull-down, garage door style, doors to install in front of the bathroom doors for added protection. They are like what you see at a storage unit. Tammy asked about cameras so we can post the vandals on social media. Tim Gropp thought we may be able to add cameras that will tie into the rest of the town's camera system. This is an ongoing issue that Mike and his crew have to deal with. Tammy said at the last Town Council meeting, she asked the public to please help us watch out for wrong-doings in the park. If they see something that doesn't seem quite right, to go ahead and call the non-emergency number. That is 311 from a cell phone and let Speedway Police know about it. If they are not busy with an emergency, they will come and chick it out. The board agreed something needs to be done. Mark brought up the fact that there are signs indicating cameras yet there aren't really any there. This could lead to a liability issue due to giving people a false sense of security. Tammy said she'd mention that to Wendell.

b. Parks Programs Director – Operations & Programming: Tammy Smith

- i. Burger Chef Trees/Bench Dedication Update: The dedication was Saturday, November 10th. Alex Wisemiller, who started the campaign, brought cookies and Tammy brought coffee and hot chocolate. Several of the family members and friends were there. One mother came up from Florida for the dedication. A co-

worker, who happened to be off that tragic night, was in attendance. Several community members attended. All the family members were very appreciative. The plan to keep it low-key and respectful to the families was fulfilled. The mood was very uplifting. Alex's vision was to change the usual rhetoric from focusing on the tragedy to remembering the people Jayne, Ruth, Daniel, and Mark were. We chose not to invite the media. The families gave permission for an Australian documentary film crew to be there. Tammy said a few words, followed by Alex. Afterwards, everyone just mingled and talked. Unfortunately, the bench didn't arrive until the day before. We were going to set it for the dedication then take it apart to get it engraved afterwards. However, Mike indicated the way the bench is made; the back would be hard to take off once set. And since the back weighs about 250 lbs, he decided not to set it. He made the right choice. The entire bench weighs about 600 lbs. Tammy printed a poster size sign depicting what will be engraved on the bench. Everyone understood. Mike took the bench to the engravers last week.

- ii. Tree Plaques: All the plaques have been engraved and delivered. There were 3 that had to be redone. Mike is working on setting the stakes and plaques with the trees in both parks. Once all are set, Tammy will notify the donors of their tree's whereabouts.
- iii. Tree Mapping: Jacob gave Tammy access to GIS (Geographic Information System) and she will be working on mapping all the Tribute Trees. Once done (which will take a couple months), this information will be made public. People will be able to go online and see where the trees are and read the history behind some of them.
- iv. RecDesk Software: Tammy spoke with multiple Parks software vendors over the past several months. She liked what RecDesk had to offer. This software will help with online registrations, reports, and hopefully online shelter rental in the near future. The benefits of this software will not only streamline the programming side of Parks, but will be much more user friendly and engaging for the community members. Various Parks & Rec software baseline annual prices range from \$6,900 on the high side down to \$2,900 on the low side. Tammy has been working with a RecDesk rep that understands our monetary challenges for our small community that does not have dedicated programming facilities. They have worked down their baseline price from \$2,900 down to \$1,800. Tammy's request to add a budget amount for this software was approved but only for \$1,000 for 2019. That leaves an \$800 shortfall. Possible use of sponsors may be a means to pay for this shortfall. Tammy hopes to find a way to make this work going into 2019.
- v. Winter Wonderland: Tammy will be offering an event the end of January or beginning of February. Similar to a father/daughter, or mother/son dance. It will be open to all ages. She will reach out to high school volunteers that need to fulfill service ours to help with props, set-up/clean-up, and working the event. It will be held in the cafeteria of the high school.
- vi. Swimming: Tammy is researching if there would be interest in swimming opportunities beyond the free summer swim lessons. She plans on seeing if the school would be open to the idea of offering lap swimming to the community and/or a swim program offering stroke technique with much needed time in the

water. We have several kids that come to the free swim program that already know how to swim but they just need time and technique guidance. A fee would be involved to cover lifeguards, instructor(s), and insurance. This is just in the idea stage and much needs to be discussed and worked out with others to see if it's even a possibility.

7. Reports of Standing Committees
 - a. Facilities Committee
 - i. None
 - b. Finance Committee
 - i. None
8. Unfinished Business & General Orders: Denny had talked with school administration regarding the summer camps. They don't want to set the prices but would like to see the admin costs reduced. Denny has talked to Chuck Bennett about this. Basically, the time needs to be broken out from admin and coaching. Tammy has expressed that Mr. Bennett does a lot of admin work prior to the start of camps. He takes care of all the work permits and assigning the student workers to the camps they will be working. He also greets everyone at the start of all the camps unless there are two starting at the same time, they his admin backup greets them. The time just needs to better reflect admin versus coaching time.
9. New Business:
 - a. None
10. Good of the Order:
 - a. Happy Holidays
11. Adjournment: Mark motioned to adjourn meeting. Denny seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.

Next Meeting:

Monday, January 21, 2019 - 6:00pm - 5620 Crawfordsville Road, Suite M

Minutes prepared by Tammy Smith.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES





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