



Town of Speedway  
**Parks and Recreation Board**

Meeting of September 21, 2020  
**Minutes**

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**ATTENDANCE**

**Board Members**            Mark Chastain  
                                      Jenny Davis  
                                      Trent Theobald  
                                      Denny Pelley

**Town Employees**        Tammy Smith

**Guests**                      No Guests

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**MINUTES**

1. Call Meeting to Order: Meeting called to order by Mark at 6:02pm
2. Attendance and Determination of Quorum: Quorum met with three members present at the beginning and four members present by the end. Crystal DeVault was not in attendance. Denny Pelley showed up at 6:23p.
3. Adoption of Agenda: Trent made a motion to adopt the agenda. Jenny seconded the motion. Meeting agenda adopted by 3-0 vote.
4. Approval of Minutes: Jenny motioned to approve the July 20, 2020 meeting minutes. Trent seconded the motion. July 20, 2020 meeting minutes approved by a vote of 3-0.
5. Guests: No
6. Reports of Officers
  - a. Parks Supervisor – Facilities, maintenance and equipment: Mike Smith
    - i. Facilities
      1. Mark brought up the stickers on the playground equipment that shows age limits. Tammy will have Kelly do a media push notifying people of the requirements/limits.
      2. Mark acknowledged that the truck was a great deal. Trent was praising the shop at Ben Davis High School for coming through for us. They did a great job for a fraction of the cost.
    - b. Parks Programs Director – Operations & Programming: Tammy Smith
      - i. Crystal just texted that she is running late and will arrive soon. Since we don't have much, group agreed to tell them not to come since we have a quorum. We will probably be done before they arrive. Tammy texted Crystal and Denny.
      - ii. Bev Katterhenry's Dedication: Dedication of bench, shade, and tree to Bev for her continued service to the Town regarding the trails was last Friday. It was well attended with approximately 75 people showing up. She was very surprised and

appreciative. Numerous businesses stepped up and made donations to a gift basket we presented to her.

- iii. McLaren's banner project with the students drawings that were displayed by the roundabout have been gifted to the Town. They are now on display at the parks. Two are on the water tower fence at Meadowood and the rest are at Leonard on the tennis court fence and the Street Dept fence at the SE corner of the park. We've already been receiving lots of compliments.
- iv. Parks Maps  
Tammy printed some using Google Maps but they are very grainy. While asking Kelly if she could try to come up with something better, Josh Clay of Hoosier Analytics was in the office and overheard our conversation. He offered to take aerial photos of both parks for us and donated them to us.
- v. Speedway Youth Basketball League: We did get permission from school administration to move forward with the league. Mark asked who would be running it this year. Brian Dinwiddie is on the Board for the girls league and will be coaching one of the girls' teams and we will need other coaches depending on our numbers registered. Girls will have league play in Monrovia. We have partnered with Monrovia in order to offer the girls game opportunities this year. Not 100% sure of the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> boys yet but Schable indicated last year he might still be involved. Steve Bishop also mentioned an interest. Tammy will be reaching out to them further. 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> boys will move forward as historically done with the high school players coaching under Coach Bennett's direction. Mark asked about limiting attendance. Tammy said we will have to follow all Marion Cty guidelines and the Schools guidelines. Monrovia is in a different county so their guidelines may be different. They will let us know when they figure it out. They have been communicating with their local health department. Tammy is hoping to have the flyers to the schools next week.
- vi. Incident at Meadowood Park: One of our seasonal employees was accosted while blowing leaves from the small parking lot. A man that was walking his dog was irate that dust was blowing on his brand new car. He yelled at our employees and said he would be calling to complain. The man left and returned a short time later. He got out of his car and approached our employee and tried yanking the backpack blower of the employees back, shaking and flinging him around. Our employee was just trying to stay on his feet. Mike made a police report. We do not have a camera in the parking lot but is one of the locations we plan on adding a camera in the near future. The man did call and leave me a message but he blocked his phone number, used profane language, and did not leave his information.
- vii. Family Memorial Bench Request: Tammy spoke with a family that wants to put in a memorial bench in Meadowood Park for her sister who is a Speedway alum, was a Vietnam veteran who died of cancer. Their dad was Arlo Harris who is the person who installed the horseshoe pits and was a champion horseshoe player. I told her we normally do not do memorial benches unless we can incorporate it with another project within the park. I suggested a hummingbird/butterfly garden in MW. She liked that idea. She had visited Leonard and is hoping to have a granite bench like the Burger Chef victims bench. I explained that I didn't think we could

accommodate that but I'd ask the board. I spoke with Mike about it and we are in agreement that it is not feasible to put in the granite bench. We are under new standards to use recycled material benches. Trent agreed that we don't want it to look like a memorial garden. Mark agreed. We need to keep it uniform and think about long term maintenance. Tammy added about the Tribute Trees and how we have so many and the plaques sticking out of the ground gives it a cemetery look to it. We may have to rethink this in the near future. We may need to put the plaques in a central location with a map to the trees. Mark asked about the plaques being set closer to the ground...at ground level. Tammy also added that all the plaques are rusting and we need to replace them. Denny said he had 2 thoughts on it. He likes the idea of having the plaque with the tree but he also agrees that the stakes/plaques do look cemetery-ish. We don't want it to look like that. He brought up how one person wanted to put her sons ashes buried with a tree. We don't want to set precedence for that. Mark said it's definitely something we need to do something about. Tammy agreed we could rethink this and she will talk to Mike about it. Denny expressed that we should be able to find some kind of plaque that won't rust. Tammy wondered if there's a way of sealing the plaques. Mark said if we did that, we'd have to maintain it by doing it every year. Denny said he's got some kind of plaque with his address on it that's been there 25 years and hasn't rusted.

viii. Tammy is on the committee for a newly established group, Speedway Indiana Historical Society. There will be a meeting tomorrow.

7. Reports of Standing Committees

- a. Facilities Committee: NONE
- b. Finance Committee: NONE

8. Unfinished Business & General Orders:

- a. Grant updates: John did the notice in the paper for the bid process. Sealed bids are due in his office by Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. He will bring them to our office for a 4pm public meeting to open the bids. At least one board member must be present, but all can be. Mark said he will be here. Mark asked about the lights at Leonard. He went through the packet and it shows the lighting diagram for both diamonds. He was trying to figure out if it was for one or both. Jenny thought it was both. Mark said the cost didn't agree with it being for both. Tammy said there's no electrical at the west diamond and she thought it was just for the east diamond. Tammy will follow-up with John for clarification. Mark said there's also a separate one for security lights. Tammy thinks what happen was we originally thought just one diamond but when they figured it they included both not knowing we don't have electrical at the west diamond. Denny remembers that being the case as well. Tammy will confirm. Mark added that typically we have to pick the lowest bid as long as they meet all criteria. Jenny asked if not having lights at the west diamond has a negative impact on the use or if people just accept it. Mark said if we had lights we could host tournaments that are longer through the day. Jenny asked if we are able to squeeze the cost to get lights on both diamonds, would we be able to recoup money from tournament fees to help pay for a pickle ball court. Mark said based on the pricing now, there is already an opportunity for the pickle ball court. Lights on the second diamond would eat up all the extra money and limit us further. The cost to extend electricity down there is too involved. Denny brought up the

large oak tree that John and Luke mentioned it might need to be removed. Denny does not want it to be removed. Everyone agrees. Tammy will let John know that they need to figure out another option for the lighting in order to not remove the large tree.

- b. Ball field rental prices: Mark wants to discuss at the November meeting so we can implement at the beginning of the new year. All agreed.

9. New Business:

- a. Tammy suggests going ahead and vote on a December meeting. Each year we've voted not to have a December meeting. Tammy suggests if this is ongoing we can change it to where we don't have a regular December meeting. We can always schedule special meetings as needed. Trent motioned to eliminate December meetings moving forward. Denny seconded it. Vote passed 4-0.

10. Good of the Order: Denny asked if pickle ball is still on the table. Tammy said yes, we hope to include it as part of the grant.

11. Announcements: Tammy will be out of the office this Thursday & Friday.

12. Adjournment: Mark adjourned meeting at 6:55 pm.

Next Meeting:

Monday, October 19, 2020 - 6:00pm - 5620 Crawfordsville Road, Suite M

Minutes prepared by Tammy Smith.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

  
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