



Town of Speedway  
**Parks and Recreation Board**

Meeting of October 21, 2019  
**Minutes**

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**ATTENDANCE**

<b>Board Members</b>	Mark Chastain Crystal DeVault Denny Pelley
<b>Town Employees</b>	Tammy Smith
<b>Guests</b>	Charles Bennett, Speedway High School Lisa Bentley & Jennifer White, Tri Kappa

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**MINUTES**

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Meeting called to order by Mark at 6:00pm
2. **Attendance and Determination of Quorum:** Quorum met with three members present. Vincent Ash and Trent Theobald not in attendance.
3. **Adoption of Agenda:** Crystal made a motion to adopt the agenda. Denny seconded the motion. Meeting agenda adopted by 3-0 vote.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Denny motioned to approve the September 16, 2019 meeting minutes. Crystal seconded the motion. September 16, 2019 meeting minutes approved by a vote of 3-0.
5. **Guests:**
  - a. **Chuck Bennett:** Coach Bennett discussed the role he and Coach Smith will play in the Park's Department's Speedway Youth Basketball League. They outlined suggestions of the creation of a parent board with a President, Vice-President (girls), Vice-President (boys), Secretary/Treasurer. Coach Bennett will continue doing the Boys 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys league with the high school players as coaches. Board members agreed this is something the younger kids really benefit from and enjoy. They look up to those high schoolers. Coach Smith will continue doing the PYL (Playmakers Youth League) for the girls in grades 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>. Coach Bennett provided a check list (attached). Mark acknowledged that the Parks Board wants Coach Bennett and Coach Smith to still be involved but agree to the need of a parent board since the league is parent run. Tammy, as Director, will deal with the administrative side of the league while the parents run the Boys 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> league.
  - b. **Jennifer White & Lisa Bentley:** Jennifer and Lisa indicated they had been discussing and researching Art Festivals for about 9 months, and planned on approaching the Parks prior to finding out about the West Indy Art & Music Festival. They would like to see if Tri Kappa could have an involvement in the West Indy Art & Music Festival. They could deal with the art side of the festival. They have the contacts for the art side and would like to expose our local artists. They would like to expand the festival to be an art destination. They have been looking into artists being able to register through Zaplication site. Artists are already familiar

with this site. Jennifer and Lisa had already discussed with Tammy and realize there is a potential issue with parking as this event expands. They are willing to help reach out to local churches to see if we can find a way to shuttle people to and from the school parking lot. Tammy will see about getting permission to use the school's or library's lot for extra parking. Mark questioned if we stepped the art portion of the festival to the next level, would that discourage local, smaller artists from participating. Jennifer explained she didn't believe so because the artists are familiar with the different levels are festivals. The Board questioned if they wanted the Board to vote on anything. Jennifer and Lisa did not expect that. They just wanted to see if partnering with the Parks for this festival would be an option because they will need to present it to Tri Kappa to see if Tri Kappa's membership would vote to do this. Tammy added this partnership would be beneficial due to their relationship with artists. Then West Indy Winds would deal with the musicians and Tammy can focus on the logistics, food & drink vendors, etc. The Board is in agreement to this partnership if Tri Kappa is interested in moving forward.

## 6. Reports of Officers

- a. Parks Supervisor – Facilities, maintenance and equipment: Mike Smith was not in attendance but indicated no issues and all is going well.
- b. Parks Programs Director – Operations & Programming: Tammy Smith
  - i. Federal LWCF Grant: State Approved and it moves onto the Federal submission. We have a December deadline in order to find out if awarded in March. If awarded, we will be able to start work immediately.
  - ii. Meadowood Basketball Dedication was very successful. There were over 50 people in attendance, some flew in from Texas, Arizona, Wisconsin, and New Jersey. Billy Keller spoke and signed some basketballs. Speedway Community TV taped the event and it will be on their YouTube channel as well as shown on Speedway Cable TV.
  - iii. Leonard Park Shelter 2 incident on September 22<sup>nd</sup> where party trashed the shelter including alcohol and broken glass was given to Code Enforcement. Code Enforcement cited the responsible party with 5 ordinance violations and fined \$300. The responsible party was also sent a letter from Speedway Parks for clean-up and damage expenses of \$250.
  - iv. Butterfly/Hummingbird Garden is almost finalized. This garden was made possible by a donation from the Ochs family. Native pollinator plants were planted in June and much bee and butterfly activity was witnesses. A bench with the inscriptions, "A reflection of service and love" and "Garden of Ochs" will arrive by the end of the month. This garden will also be the location of a whimsical element that puts Speedway Parks on the Central Indiana Fairy Trail.
  - v. Tammy has started to track complaints as they are becoming more frequent. Tammy continues to remind people to call 311 (the non-emergency police number) if they are uncomfortable or witness something that needs to be addressed. Complaints this month include...
    1. Adult soccer league in uniforms, with coaches and referees playing on the soccer fields without permission. They are engaged in excessive foul language and the two coaches both had firearms on their waists. This

property belongs to the school and no firearms are allowed, with or without carry permits. Speedway Youth Soccer confirmed they did not give permission for anyone to use those fields. Speedway Police have been notified. If anyone witnesses this action, to please call 311 and report it.

2. 3 calls regarding dogs not on leashes. Not only do the Parks require them on leashes at all times, but so does the Town of Speedway.
  3. A walker was hit on the wrist by a bicyclist's handlebar as the bicyclist rode between walkers coming from opposite directions. The bicyclist yelled at the walker that the walker should have gotten out of the way. We will be working on a campaign for this spring in collaboration with Speedway Running Club, Speedway Bicycle Club, and Community Policing to educate people regarding trail etiquette. Bicyclists should always yield to walkers and runners.
  4. There was a person camped in Leonard Park. Slept in a hammock tied between trees by the Comcast building. There is no camping in Speedway Parks without Board approval such as for Relay for Life.
  - vi. Praxair volunteers helped in Leonard Park with painting Shelter 1 and the bathroom building, mulching, and planting this year's 8 Tribute Trees. Much thanks to their service to the community.
  - vii. Tammy has been in discussions with the library to add a Story Walk in one or both parks. The point is to read a story as you are walking a path by stopping at storyboards placed at short distances from each other. We would be able to switch out books every month or so. Speedway Parks would share the expenses with the library. This information is being gathered and will address when we have more information.
7. Reports of Standing Committees
- a. Facilities Committee: NONE
  - b. Finance Committee: NONE
8. Unfinished Business & General Orders:
- a. Increase in Shelter Fees: Discussion regarding increasing shelter fees to be more in line with surrounding areas continued. Our shelters are being rented out every weekend throughout the summer and most of the spring and fall. There has been an increase in the disregard for park rules and clean-up requirements that renters sign and agree to, yet a large percentage ignore. It has taxed our limited personnel time in order to get them cleaned up. Tammy is working on having the shelter rentals on line by the beginning of the year. There will be more emphasis on the guidelines for renting shelters with clearly defined consequences for violating the ordinances, guidelines and rules. Tammy suggested increasing the rental fees from \$65 for residents to \$75 and from \$95 for non-residents to \$150. Vincent had sent an email expressing his agreement to shelter fee increases if voted on. Denny motioned to increase shelter fees as suggested. Crystal seconded the motion. Motioned passed by a vote of 3-0.
9. New Business:

- a. Federal LWCF State Approval Granted. Board approval is needed for the professional services by Kieser Consulting Group for Federal submission. The amount \$40,000 was originally passed in the summer but we will visit it each time they invoice Speedway Parks. This agreement is for the continued services now that the State has approved and it needs to move on to the Federal level. This agreement is for the remainder of the \$40,000 not already paid to Kieser, which is \$35,300. Crystal made a motion to approve the agreement with Kieser Consulting Group. Denny seconded the motion. Motion passed with a vote of 3-0.
- 10. Good of the Order: Tammy wanted to pass on a compliment that Speedway Library paid regarding Mike Smith, on his dedicated work with the Little Libraries that are in the parks.
- 11. Announcements: Mark asked if we were planning a December Board meeting as we typically do not have one since it falls so close to the holiday. Crystal made a motion to not have a Board meeting in December. Denny seconded the motion. Motion passed with a vote of 3-0.
- 12. Adjournment: Mark adjourned meeting at 7:22pm.

Next Meeting:

Monday, November 18, 2019 - 6:00pm - 5620 Crawfordsville Road, Suite M

Minutes prepared by Tammy Smith.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

  
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