



Town of Speedway
Parks and Recreation Board

Meeting of April 15, 2019
Minutes

ATTENDANCE

Board Members

Vincent Ash
Mark Chastain
Denny Pelley
Crystal DeVault
Trent Theobald

Town Employees

Tammy Smith
Mike Smith

Guests

James Orr – Eagle Scout Project at Leonard Park
Ethan Jost – Eagle Scout Project on B & O and P & E Trails
Bev Katterhenry – Support for the Eagle Scout project requests
Sarah Ackerman – SJHS Innovations Teacher – Gazebo event 4/27
i. Grace Oeth
ii. Alma Guerrero
Emmanuel Merchiers, Speedway Animal Rescue – Pet Palooza 7/27

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order: Meeting called to order by Vincent at 6:00pm
2. Attendance and Determination of Quorum: Quorum was determined with all members present.
3. Adoption of Agenda: Trent made a motion to accept the agenda. Denny seconded the motion. Agenda was adopted by a vote of 5-0.
4. Approval of Minutes: Mark made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 25, 2019 board meeting. Denny seconded the motion. March 18, 2019 minutes were adopted by a vote of 5-0.
5. Guests:
 - a. James Orr – Eagle Scout Project at Leonard Park: A Life Scout requesting to do Eagle Scout project in Leonard Park. Bench dedicated to Bev Katterhenry for her many years and successes with Speedway Trails, a shade sail, and clean-up of the Leonard Park portion of the B & O Trail. Mark asked the project cost. James indicated if he went with a recycled bench the cost would be approx. \$800 while a wooden bench would cost approx. \$500. Mark inquired about the longevity and asked Mike's opinion on the bench. Mike likes both but worries the wooden one would have maintenance issues due to gravity, weather, etc. The recycled one would last longer. Mark asked about the longevity of the shade sail. Mike said if it's like the ones already at Leonard Park, they last a good while. Trent asked Bev's opinion since the bench is in her honor. She indicated she's big on recycling. James provided a map of possible locations and the Board like the 2nd option with adjustment to the outside of the triangle on the baseball side facing west. Vincent asked if there would be

a plaque to honor Bev and the answer is yes. Mark motioned to approve James Eagle Scout project request. Crystal seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

- b. **Ethan Jost – Eagle Scout Project on B & O and P & E Trails:** A Life Scout requesting to do Eagle Scout project on the trails. He plans on adding dog waste stations along both trails. He will clean up rocks and plant native Indiana flowers in the area close to Junior High that is rocky and hard to mow. Will give 400 worth of dog waste bags. He will consult with Bev, Mike Smith, and the Street Dept. on the actual locations for the stations. Mark motioned to approve. Trent seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.
- c. **Sarah Ackerman, SJHS Innovations Teacher & Jr High Students, Grace Oeth & Alma Guerrero:** Mrs. Ackerman briefly talked about her Innovations class and how the girls came up with what they wanted to do. She turned it over to the girls to explain their idea and request the use of the gazebo at Meadowood Park. Grace and Alma explained their event is a Body Positivity event. It's geared toward girls but open to anyone. Their message is one of love and acceptance of each individual's body image. They have a teacher that will instruct a yoga class. A guest speaker, Kayla Carmichael, will discuss about nutrition. They will require registration and a waiver be signed. The event is free and open to the public. Mark asked about the weather and if they had a plan for inclement weather. Sarah said they would move it inside Wheeler Elementary. Denny motioned to approve their use of the gazebo and waive the usual fee. Mark seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.
- d. **Emmanuel Merchiers, Speedway Animal Rescue, Pet Palooza:** Emmanuel is representing Speedway Animal Rescue on behalf of Joan Brown. SAR wants to hold this year's Pet Palooza in Leonard Park. The last two years the event has been held at the American Legion because they had farm animals, which were not allowed in the park. They will not have the farm animals and therefore, are requesting to have it Leonard Park like it used to be. Pet Palooza is SARs biggest fundraiser. They plan on doing a Chili Cook-off, where voters pay for tickets then vote for their favorites. They will be doing on-site microchipping for a reduced price. They will also have dog tags available from the Town of Speedway. Kona Ice will also be there selling their ice treats and providing SAR with a 20% giveback. Trent expressed gratitude of the work done by SAR. Trent motioned to approve the Pet Palooza event for July 27, 2019 from 11a-3p. Mark seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

6. Reports of Officers

- a. **Parks Supervisor – Facilities, maintenance and equipment: Mike Smith**
 - i. Joan Brown will be working for Parks on weekends. Benjamin B has worked one weekend so far and Cooper has been working out well. Joan doesn't have a drivers license but will be teamed up with someone that does so it's not an issue. Mark asked what happens if someone calls in. Mike now has 3 people to pull from so he will rotate them around to cover shifts.
 - ii. Posts in Meadowood Park: Mike requests to pull 47 posts in Meadowood park by School Dr. There are 3 No Parking signs presently. Mike would like to add 4 signs that say No Parking on Grass. There is no ordinance now for regarding parking on School Dr. We need to find out what is needed to have No Parking on one side. Trent said if an ordinance is on the books, it is enforceable. All members agreed to the posts being pulled. Mike received quotes for playground surfacing...\$47,061.70 for Leonard Park and \$40,620.02 for Meadowood Park.
- b. **Parks Programs Director – Operations & Programming: Tammy Smith**

humbling it feels to realize the good works being done in our little parks in Speedway are making such an impact, not only on those using our parks, but on others on the other side of the globe.

11. Announcements: None
12. Adjournment: Vincent motioned to adjourn meeting. Denny seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Next Meeting:

Monday, May 20, 2019 - 6:00pm - 5620 Crawfordsville Road, Suite M

Minutes prepared by Tammy Smith.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES



Denny Kelley

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