



Town of Speedway
Parks and Recreation Board

Meeting of May 20, 2019
Minutes

ATTENDANCE

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| Board Members | Vincent Ash Mark Chastain Crystal DeVault Trent Theobald |
| Town Employees | Tammy Smith Mike Smith |
| Guests | Luke Kessler – Kieser Consulting Group, LLC Barbara DeLisle – Speedway Resident Eileen Fisher – Speedway Resident/Town Councilor |

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 four members present.
3. Adoption of Agenda: Mark made a motion to accept the agenda. Trent seconded the motion. Agenda was adopted by a vote of 4-0.
4. Approval of Minutes: Trent made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 15, 2019 board meeting. Crystal seconded the motion. April 15, 2019 minutes were adopted by a vote of 4-0.
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**
 - i. LWCF Grant: Regarding the application for the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant, we need approval to pay \$4700 needed for the environmental study required for application. We are working with Kieser Consulting Group to help us navigate this grant application. They will be doing the environmental among other requirements for a total of \$40,000. This grant can

only be applied to one park. We can do multiple projects within that park. We selected Leonard as there are more necessities determined in the Master Plan. This would include the tennis courts, baseball lighting, water fountains and ADA compliant pathways to fountains, shelters, and bathrooms, among other things. This money can go towards our match. Board was concerned where the money will come from and how will we come up with the match money. Tammy will consult with Monty and Wendell for answers before a vote is done. A special session meeting will be held in a few days.

- ii. Parks Board member's terms/appointments: Parks Board is different than other Boards as there is a State Code that needs to be followed. IC 36-10-3-5 in part states, (a) *Initial appointments are for a term of one year, a term of two years, a term of three years, and a term of four years.* Therefore, all expiration dates are by term not individual appointment. It continues, As a term expires, each new appointment is for a four year term. (f) *If a vacancy on the board occurs, the appointing authority shall appoint a person to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.* When notarizing the Oath of Office forms last month, I was completing the expiration date portion and noticed the discrepancy in expiration dates. An adjustment to Crystal's expiration date has been made in order to be in compliance with the staggering expiration dates required in the State Code.
- iii. Summer Camps: Registrations are underway and swim evaluations will take place soon.

7. Reports of Standing Committees

a. Facilities Committee

- i. Nothing at this time.

b. Finance Committee

- i. Vincent provided suggested pricing based on surrounding areas pricing for rental of baseball fields.

8. Unfinished Business & General Orders:

- a. None

9. New Business:

- a. None

10. Good of the Order:

- Mark has received numerous compliments on the condition of the ball diamonds. SYBS Board appreciates Mike Smith and his efforts in maintaining them.
- Denny asked about the water issues in Meadowood. Mike told him the Water Dept is drilling for wells.
- Tammy heard from a family that did a fundraising event last year with an update of how the over \$2000 they raised was used. Part was used to buy soccer balls, part for baby formula, and part for Shoes that Grow. All were sent to Burundi Africa. Tammy expressed how 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





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