

MEETING OF THE: Peru Parks Board	DATE: May 11, 2023
PRESIDING: Alison Paul	SECRETARY: Carson Ray
THOSE PRESENT: VOTING MEMBERS: Alison Paul, Carson Ray, David Hoover, Josh Shuck, Joe Greene ATTENDING: Garry Clark, Jason Simpson, Cliff Helvie, Mark Ramsey (City Council Liaison)	

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION
Call to Order	A quorum was established; meeting was called to order by President, Alison Paul at 5:00 PM. Roll call was taken, members Paul, Ray, Shuck, Greene and Hoover were present.
Agenda Topic #1	Approval of Minutes
	The previous meeting minutes were distributed and reviewed. Greene made a motion, Shuck seconded the motion to approve April's meetings minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously among the board.
Agenda Topic #2	Announcements
	Paul announced that Clerk Treasure Kurt K. was unable to attend tonight's meeting as planned. We will reschedule.
Agenda Topic #3	Reports
	Clubhouse: Jason reported that they are dealing with a strong odor issue with the water up at the clubhouse impacting the ability to do soft drinks. We reviewed the T-SNAP reports. Golf Course: Garry reported that they are catching up with mowing and treating the lawn. The Leagues have all started and they are looking forward to a great season. Parks: Cliff reported that lighting at the amphitheater was finished, starting to work on the sand volleyball courts all items were donated, we've submitted a claim for the dugout that fell in at West City.
Agenda Topic #4	Old Business
	HWC Update: The DNR accepted our Master Plan in order to be grant eligible. The board agreed to work in conjunction with the City of Peru to apply for a federally funded Land and Water Conservation Fund grant through the Indiana Department of Natural Resources to help fund a new splash pad. An environmental assessment will be completed as part of the application process. The project will be located on Canal St. on the banks of the Wabash River within the 15 acre River Walkway Park. The proposed project will occupy approximately 9,135 sq. ft. of the park. The project will include the splash park, restrooms, and mechanical building, with landscaping. The city is the current owner of the property so no acquisition is required. The application will be submitted June 1 st . We will know if we are accepted in September of 2023. We will plan while waiting for Federal Approval which is planned to come in September of 2024. Construction would hopefully begin in March 2025 and then be completed by December 2025. Paul made a motion and Ray seconded the motion to accept these terms and submit for the grant. The motion carried unanimously among the board. Due to a clerical error with the documents signed at the last board meeting the members who were present at the last meeting re-signed the documents accepting the master plan and agreeing to remain ADA compliant.
Agenda Topic #5	New Business
	Peru School Running through Park: There was a request from Peru Community Schools to allow the students to use the parks for practice during Cross-Country and Track seasons. Paul made the motion and Ray seconded the motion to approve as long as they avoid the golf course cart paths. The motion carried unanimously among the board.

	<p>Bathroom Survey: Cliff distributed photos and descriptions of the public park bathrooms. Discussion was held on which bathrooms need the most attention and potential funding sources. There was a motion made by Paul seconded by Shuck to have HWC survey the bathrooms and quote what the repairs would be. Motion was carried unanimously among the board.</p> <p>Golf Course Irrigation Information: Garry presented information regarding a quote for replacing the irrigation system. He stated that he went to the city council meeting and was asked to bring back this information. Paul made a motion and Greene seconded the motion for Garry to submit the information and request use of funds to the city council to replace the water irrigation system. Motion was carried unanimously among the board.</p>
Agenda Topic #6	Comments
	<p>Mr. Ash from the public presented to discuss the master plan’s portion regarding the Nickel Plate trail. He shared that he will be working with all entities that have interested to try and extend the trail through town more efficiently.</p> <p>Ms. Graft from the Lily House was there to request use of the park for a Juneteenth celebration. She requested to have a waterslide for children. She will work with Cliff and city attorney Dustin Kern to ensure safety.</p>
	Next Meeting & Adjournment
	<p>With no further matters left on the agenda, the Park’s Board meeting was adjourned at 6:21 PM. The next meeting will be held, June 08, 2023 in the City Hall Chambers.</p>