

Park Board Minutes
August 31, 2016

Nancy Taplin, Donna Vermillion, Malarie Pearce, Dan Vermillion, and Mary Ann Holston were present, along with guests Steve Ruby, Bob Middlebrook and Matthew Wood. Nancy called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Mary Ann made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 27th meeting, seconded by Nancy. Minutes were accepted.

Old Business:

Summer Program -- Jacqui Wines was unable to attend the meeting. She will report on the summer program at a later meeting.

Transfer of Funds to Next Year -- Sue Moffitt advised that we are not able to transfer our remaining \$15,000 in the budget to next year. It needs to be spent this year.

Gazebo at Memorial Park -- Malarie met with Bob Middlebrook to assess the condition of the gazebo. They made a list of repairs/improvements needed, including adding an ADA ramp. Items requiring immediate attention were:

- Bee's nest near the front where the posts meet the ceiling. Town will take care of this.
- Repair outlet covers – wires are exposed. Malarie entered a work order for this.
- Handrails are spaced over 4" apart and are a safety hazard. Needs at least a temporary fix. Malarie will look into options and cost for replacing spindles.

Other recommendations include:

- Installation of ADA ramp
- Conduit – clean up wiring – run speaker wire in conduit. Nancy will check with Jason Quirk to see if speakers still work. If not, Matthew Wood offered to get new ones at cost.
- Irrigation system – is current system operational? Also, remove rebar stakes at pop-ups around gazebo. Dan will check with John Mrozinski on these items.

The full list of improvements is included with these minutes as Attachment A.

Splash Pad -- The board reviewed four drawings of possible layouts and cost estimates for parts only. Dan recommended tabling the splash pad project until the new energy plant is complete – they may be willing to donate at that time. We could possibly get them to cover the whole cost and name it after them. Dan will talk to Bill Schalliol for advice on how and when to approach them. Steve Ruby advised we will need to have something in place to be able to accept donations.

Special Event Permit Update -- Nancy wrote an update to the Special Event Permit to charge for electrical usage as follows:

#24 Electrical

Multiple days event will be charged for electrical usage. Electric meter will be read morning of first day and again at end of event and the event organization will then be billed for electrical usage.

Donna made a motion to accept the change, seconded by Malarie. Motion passed to submit the new wording to the Town Board for approval and review by the town attorney.

Tree Replacement -- Malarie brought examples of ordinances from area towns; New Carlisle currently has no ordinance on replacing trees that are removed. The town will need to do a lot of research to develop an ordinance. The Park Board can make a recommendation at this time. Dan will request a work session at the next Town Board meeting on 9-13-16 and report the Park Board's recommendation for developing a tree replacement ordinance.

New Business:

Special Event Permit -- A permit was submitted by Michiana Bike for Hospice for a SAG stop at Memorial Park during their event on October 2. Mary Ann made a motion to approve; Nancy seconded; permit was approved.

Public Comments:

Matthew Wood expressed his concern about 6 to 8 dead pine trees behind his house on Tiger Court. Bob Middlebrook had met with Matthew previously and confirmed the trees need to be removed as they represent a safety issue. After reviewing the map, it appears these trees are on New Prairie School Corporation property. Bob Middlebrook will contact New Prairie about tree removal.

Mary Ann made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Malarie. Meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.