

**Chesterton Park Department
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 4th, 2020**

Those in Attendance: President Candy Tucker, Vice President Wendy Marciniak, Secretary Paul Shinn, Member Mark Dickinson, Superintendent Bruce Mathias, Asst. Superintendent Shane Griffin, Engineer Mark O'Dell, Liaison Jennifer Fisher, Town Attorney Connor Nolan, Administrator Hilary Thomas Peterson

Candy Tucker called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and led the assemblage with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve January minutes was made by Paul Shinn. Seconded by Wendy Marciniak. Motion passed; January minutes approved.

A motion to approve the Executive meeting minutes from Jan 29th was made by Wendy Marciniak. Seconded by Mark Dickinson. Motion passed.

Comments from the Public

Maura Durham – Duneland Chamber of Commerce for the Corkscrew and Brew Festival. Legal has all information for all upcoming events. No changes from last year, will be held on March 14th from 12-4. Excise permit has been obtained, about 20 vendors in total. Portable toilets will be brought in, requesting train bathrooms to be unlocked.

A motion to accept the Special Use Permit for Corkscrew and Brew pending final Legal agreement was made by Paul Shinn. Seconded by Wendy Marciniak. Motion passed.

European Market contract is also being worked on. That will run every Saturday from May 2nd to Oct 31st 8am to 2pm.

Kim Goldak – addressed possible upcoming projects, and proposed that a dog park be considered in Dogwood Park. Presented Board with a letter and a diagram of what it could look like. As per discussion. Feels it would be a great asset to the Town. Mark Hopkins suggested a pay to play scenario, like Valparaiso. Could be a way to generate some revenue. As per discussion. Insurance was addressed.

A motion to take the dog park proposal under advisement was made by Wendy Marciniak. Seconded by Mark Dickinson. Motion passed.

Ryan Glassman – Duneland Flyers, requesting usage of Dogwood West fields for Tuesday's, 1 field and Wednesday's, both fields from 4-8pm. Four teams would be using the fields and would donate \$100 per team to the Park.

A motion to approve Duneland Flyers use of Dogwood West fields for the proposed days through to July, pending submittal of SUP and insurance, was made by Paul Shinn. Seconded by Mark Dickinson. Motion passed.

A motion to accept the \$400 from Duneland Flyers was made by Mark Dickinson. Seconded by Wendy Marciniak. Motion passed.

Mark O'Dell – Duneland Soccer Club requesting usage of the Dogwood West soccer fields for games, practices and tournaments for 2020. 313 children will play out there. Will continue to maintain field upkeep and provide porta restrooms. Submitted a \$939 donation to the park. Will maintain a schedule as well with other organizations. As per discussion.

A motion to approve usage of Dogwood West soccer fields to Duneland Soccer Club and acceptance of \$939 donation was made by Paul Shinn. Seconded by Mark Dickinson. Motion passed.

Superintendent/Engineer Report

Old shelter has been torn down, and a new one going up, post have been put in. Plowing as needed. Accepting application for a new maintenance/labor worker. New signs have been installed on the bike trail. Rebuilding together to help with Coffee Creek.

Bruce presented board with a CREDIT list. As per discussion.

Shane brought up his 2 weeks of vacation that was to come to him at hiring. As per discussion.

A motion to address the two weeks of vacation, pending legal review, was made by Paul Shinn. Seconded by Wendy Marciniak. Motion passed.

Mark addressed the NIRPC sign project. \$26k was awarded. Has not been able to see if they have been put in yet.

Comments from the Board

Candy welcomed Jennifer Fisher as the new liaison to the Park Board.

Paul asked how many applications have come in, Hilary stated that 3 have been submitted so far, it will be in the paper for one more week. Asked Shane to do an assessment of the 23rd St house. Asked if any quotes have come in for demo of old Park building. Inquired about Master Plan update. Bruce stated that nothing has come in yet from Lehman, as per discussion.

Paul also inquired if any communication has started about the car show for this year. Shane will contact the previous organizer to see if they are still interested in sponsoring it.

Approval of Claims

A motion to approve February claims was made by Paul Shinn. Seconded by Mark Dickinson. Motion passed. February claims approved.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mark Dickinson. Seconded by Wendy Marciniak. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

President
Candy Tucker

Date