

**Chesterton Park Department  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

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

Candy Tucker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the assemblage with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Candy Tucker called for a reorganization of the park board.

A motion to appoint Candy Tucker as President was made by Paul Shinn. Seconded by Mark Dickinson. A motion to appoint Wendy Marciniak as Vice President was made by Mark Dickinson. Seconded by Paul Shinn.

A motion to appoint Paul Shinn as secretary was made by Mark Dickinson. Seconded by Wendy Marciniak.

All Motions passed.

Candy Tucker – President  
Wendy Marciniak – Vice President  
Paul Shinn – Secretary  
Mark Dickinson – Member

### **Approval of Minutes**

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

### **Comments from the Public**

David Barich – requesting permission for softball field usage at Dogwood West, Tuesday's on the West fields. Thursday's on the East fields, 4p-8p. As per discussion. Also requested to be able to put permanent base anchors in as well. Bruce will work with them closer to dates to address it the anchors and bases.

A motion to accept schedule for field usage was made by Paul Shinn. Seconded by Mark Dickinson. Motion passed.

A motion to accept \$250 donation for field usage from David Barich was made by Wendy Marciniak. Seconded by Paul Shinn.

Dan Amling with Duneland Diamonds updated the Board on progress of 5<sup>th</sup> & Porter fields. Finished brick behind backstop, debris piles gone. Worked with rebuilding together to mulch, and will finish mulching this year. Did some edging and planted trees, also received a grant from NIRPC for 14 trees. Still running a fall and spring league, child and adult. As per discussion. Requesting permission to

continue to use 5<sup>th</sup> & Porter fields as their home base for games and practices. In lieu of fees, will continue to improve and maintain the fields.

A motion to allow Duneland Diamonds continued use of 5<sup>th</sup> & Porter fields was made by Wendy Marciniak. Seconded by Paul Shinn. Motion passed.

### **Superintendent/Engineer Report**

Christmas deco is coming out of Thomas Park. Equipment is being repaired and worked on for the upcoming season. Information requested by Lehman for Master plan has been submitted. As per discussion. Dumpster has been ordered take down small shelter, and possibly put 2 back up. Getting quotes for demo of old office building. As per discussion.

A motion to authorize quotes for demo of the old office building on East side of 23<sup>rd</sup> was made by Paul Shinn. Seconded by Wendy Marciniak. Motion passed.

### **Comments from the Board**

Candy questioned Shane on the Christmas tree. As per discussion. Mark inquired about budget and fees. As per discussion. Paul inquired on the trees in Dogwood. Would like to get an application in with Rebuilding Together for help with Coffee Creek Park. Would like to start phasing Coffee Creek cleanup for the year. Mark Hopkins stated that he had people reach out to him to help with clean up. As per further discussion. Inquired about the house and what to do with it. For further discussion. Also inquired about tree grants. Dan Amling offered assistance with grants. Further discussion on grants, look into what is available. Park impact fee and what it can be used for discussed as well as budget.

Candy addressed the growth of the parks, and that a new full time hire is needed now.

A motion to hire another full time maintenance employee by March 30<sup>th</sup> was made by Paul Shinn. Seconded by Mark Dickinson. Motion passed.

Hilary was addressed to get ad in paper by next week.

### **Approval of Claims**

A motion to approve January claims was made by Mark Dickinson. Seconded by Wendy Marciniak. Motion passed. January claims approved.

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Paul Shinn. Seconded by Mark Dickinson. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

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President

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Date