

Columbia City Park Board Minutes

October 22, 2012

The Columbia City Parks Board met in regular session with the following members present:

Park Board President Mark Ellis

Park Board Secretary Mauri Bordner

Park Board Member Dennis Warnick

Park Board Member Keith Nickolson

Members absent:

Park Board Vice President Terry Baker

After reviewing the minutes of the September 17, 2012 meeting, Dennis Warnick made a motion, which is seconded by Keith Nickolson to accept the minutes as submitted. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

Park Superintendent, Mark Green, presented an update on the Blue River Trail and the Bridge project. Mark stated the Bridge parts will be delivered on Wednesday, October 24th and traffic will be limited past the US 30 Bridge in the park on Wednesday until Friday while the parts are installed. By the end of the week, Mark stated you will be able to recognize the bridge. Clerk, Treasurer, Rosie Coyle agreed to pay Hamilton Hunter, Bridge Contractor, \$ 76,817.00 which is a portion of the contract for the bridge. Mark Green requested a motion to approve the payment to Hamilton Hunter. Mauri Bordner, Park Board Secretary, made the motion to pay Hamilton Hunter, which is seconded by Keith Nickolson, Park Board Member. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

Mark Green, Superintendent, stated the Pool Survey conducted by the City of Columbia City and the Park Board gave a lot of feed-back from the community. He acknowledged the results overall stated a desire for an aquatics building to replace Burnworth Pool. After much discussion, the Park Board decided to have the City attorney and Mark write a motion to be presented at the next meeting for the future of the Burnworth Pool.

Mayor Ryan Daniel presented a printed report on the **2012 Burnworth Pool Survey Results**. A total of 348 residents responded to the survey conducted from September 10th through October 6th, 2012. The Mayor discussed the various reports and graphs for each of the seven questions.

Mark Green reported at the 1st Fall Festival the weather was crazy but overall the community really enjoyed it. Dennis Warnick stated he received good feed-back from several people and overall consensus was the "best show of fireworks yet". Mayor Daniel and Superintendent Green stated the parking was great with the help from the Police and Fire Department. Mark discussed next year having the Friday night Elementary Run start and finish down by the vendors instead of at the pavilion.

Superintendent Green reported this is the last weekend for the JFL football season. Mark stated the JFL Board feels the football season went on too long and was a couple weeks longer than previous years. Mark informed the Park Board the 4th and 5th grades played JFL at Indian Springs Middle School. Mark Ellis stated it was a great program at the middle school and the kids and parents feel it presents more of a real game with concessions and seating. Mark stated the Park has made great progress over the years with the JFL program.

Mark gave an update on the upcoming "Dashing through the Snow 5K" on December 7th which is a fundraiser for the Splash Pad. Green stated for the Veterans Marathon on November 10th, he puts out the barricades with the Chief of Police on Saturday morning and takes them down when the race is completed. Melinda takes care of some of the registration downtown.

Mark Green reported on the many requests to put signage in front of the park. Mark stated the existing sign is hard to change. Dennis Warnick made a motion that no signs except park related signs be posted, which is second by Mauri Bordner. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

Superintendent Green stated he has met with Rosie Coyle, Clerk Treasurer and went over the financing of several projects for the Park. He gave an update on the Devol Field fencing quotes and recommended Accent Fence from Syracuse, which is the lowest quote, and includes the four poles. Dennis Warnick made a motion to except the quote from Accent Fence, which is second by Mauri Bordner. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

Mark Green reported on the Morsches Park playground that is 25 years old and the Park has spent \$ 7,000.00 in the last four years on repairs. Mark stated the way to fund a new playground, is to spend \$ 35,000.00 for a \$ 60,000.00 playground. Green stated the discount is due to the time of year and the Park receiving a 40% discount. Superintendent Green stated the money will come from the non-reverting fund. Keith Nickolson made the motion to purchase playground equipment, which is second by Mauri Bordner. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

Superintendent Mark Green reported the winter project for the staff with voluntary assistance from Mauri Bordner is to repair the bathrooms in the pavilion. Keith Nickolson requested the inside of the pavilion be spruced up also. Dennis Warnick made the motion to improve the bathrooms, which is second by Mauri Bordner. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

Next meeting will be November 26, 2012.

As all business was discussed, the Board adjourned.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Andrea Pequignot, Administrative Assistant Parks Department.