

Columbia City Park Board Minutes

November 26, 2012

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

Park Board President Mark Ellis

Park Board Vice President Terry Baker

Park Board Secretary Mauri Bordner

Park Board Member Dennis Warnick

Park Board Member Keith Nickolson

After reviewing the minutes of the October 22, 2012 meetings, 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.

Mark Green, Park Superintendent, presented an update on the Parks. Mark stated the majority of the work is completed on the Blue River Trail extension. The bridge has been raised so there will be a steady incline on both sides and the binding base coat is down on the trail but the surface will be installed in the spring. Hamilton Hunter has requested a pay request for \$35,000, which is one-third of the total cost. Dennis Warnick made a motion to approve the pay request to Hamilton Hunter and Mauri Bordner second. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

Mark Green, WCCS Superintendent Patricia O'Conner, Tony Zickgraf, and Mayor Daniel met to discuss what direction the Park is moving with the Burnworth Pool. Mark stated the meeting went very well. Mayor Daniel stated discussion was done about a potential partnership between the School and the Park.

Superintendent Green read the Burnworth Pool Motion stating: **Columbia City Park Board chooses to opt out of its lease agreement with the Whitley County Consolidated School Corporation on November 30, 2014. The Park Board will continue to operate and maintain Burnworth Pool until November 30, 2014 unless a failure costing above \$20,000 occurs. If said failure occurs, the Park Board will appoint an earlier time than the November 30, 2014 date to cease operations.** Dennis Warnick made the motion to approve the Burnworth Pool Motion and Mark Ellis second. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

Mayor Daniel and the Park Board talked about the formation of a committee to research, prepare plans, and research funding for an Aquatics Facility. The group will be made up of City leaders, Park Board members, and citizens. Park Director Green and Mayor Ryan Daniel will also be a part of the committee. Dennis made the motion to form an Aquatics Facility Task Force and Keith Nickolson second. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

Mark stated on December 7th the “Dashing through the Snow 5K” will start at 5:30pm at Morsches Park. It is a fundraiser used for the Splash Pad water usage. The Sponsorships are used to pay for the hats and prizes given out to the runners.

Superintendent Green stated the current playground is removed and the new playground has been delivered. The old playground equipment was sold to a salvage yard for \$577 dollars. The renovation of the pavilion restrooms will be done before the installation of the playground. The baseball and softball committee announced the Tin Caps game will be June 11, 2013. The Father/Daughter Dance will be February 8th and will be held at the 4-H Center with tickets going on sale January 2nd.

Dennis Warick made motion to continue with Mark Ellis as Park Board President, and Mauri Bordner second. Mauri Bordner made a motion to continue with Terry Baker as Park Board Vice-President, and Dennis Warick second. Dennis Warnick made a motion to continue with Mauri Bordner as Park Board Secretary, all second the motion. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

The next meeting will be January 28, 2013.

All business was discussed, the Board adjourned.

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