

## Columbia City Park Board Minutes

January 28, 2013

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 November 26, 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.

Mark Green, Park Superintendent, introduced Carla Trabert to present a written request to rename the Columbia City Skate Park. Alex Trabert was killed on November 24, 2012 and his fellow skate park friends want to honor him by renaming it the **Alex Trabert Memorial Extreme Sports Park**. The vote on the change was tabled until a later time.

Park Superintendent Green stated two of the three vendors were present tonight to present their Firework quotes. Mark introduced Terry Rhodenbaugh the new sales representative for Indiana from ACE Pyro out of Manchester, Michigan. Terry and his wife live in Whitley County. Terry stated, ACE Pyro has been growing by about fifteen percent each year and has been in business for ten years. The company has four certified PGI Certified Instructors from Pyrotechnic Skilled International Association which is the highest certified instructors in safety and show in the world. Terry stated they carry middle-of-the-road and top-of-the-line products. Mr. Rhodenbaugh submitted two quotes. Terry stated, first quote was for a high shell count show and the second quote was for a top-of-the-line big show. Terry Rhodenbaugh stated ACE Pyro uses computer wireless fired show.

Mark Green, Park Superintendent introduced Matt Green from Camtor Pyrotechnics. Matt states his fireworks are electronic fired and are not wireless but fired a safe distance away. Matt Green stated he completed his certification through ACE Pyro and buys product from them.

Superintendent Green stated the third quote from Melrose would be handed out at a later date. Melrose put on the display last year and all present agreed it was a great show. Green stated the Park Board will vote at the next meeting for the contract and should consider a possible three or five year contract.

Mark Green, Park Superintendent introduced Maddie Hinen to the Park Board. Maddie stated she is a sophomore at Purdue University studying Sports Sciences and Pre-Occupational Therapy. Ms. Hinen is employed through Anthony Wayne Services and works at a group home for mentally handicapped children in the summer. Maddie stated, she is proposing a handicap park be established at the Kenneth Wright Park. Ms. Hinen suggested two or three different theme sections be installed for the handicap, sensory, deafness, or blindness. Maddie presented different types of playground equipment for the handicap. Ms. Hinen stated she has completed research on grant opportunities to pay for the park equipment from Group Dekko, Anthony Wayne Services, HANDS, and a possible 5K run. Hinen gave the Park Board a preliminary quote for \$206,000.00 and needs approval from the Board to go forward with the project. The Park Board suggested that Maddie Hinen move forward gathering ideas and work with the resources available.

Park Superintendent Green stated the Blue River Trail and bridge has a pay request for \$ 13,571.00 for completed work. Dennis Warnick made a motion for payment to Hamilton Hunter, and Terry Baker seconded the motion. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

Mark Green informed the Park Board about the Aquatics Task Force met for the first time with fifteen members who will meet once a month. Mark stated the members were divided into four sub-committees to meet once before each Aquatics Task Force meeting.

Mark reported about a discussion from the Mayor's Retreat on sledding at Devol and Baker Parks. Green stated the City attorney is going to draft an Ordinance pertaining to sledding not being allowed on City property.

Park Superintendent, Mark Green reported the new playground is half done and the colors are bright green, yellow, and blue.

Mauri Bordner gave an update on the Pavilion at Morsches Park and stated that Teresa Ladd is helping with the design. Mauri stated a new drywall ceiling is being installed and new windows. Bordner reported Flow-Tech sold the Park a furnace at cost and they are looking into air conditioning.

The next meeting will be February 25, 2013.

All business was discussed, the Board adjourned.

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

