

Columbia City Park Board Minutes March 31, 2014

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

Park Board President Keith Nickolson

Park Board Vice President Larry Walter

Park Board Secretary Mauri Bordner

Park Board Member Terry Baker

Park Board Member Dan Curless

After reviewing the minutes of the March 3, 2014 meeting, Larry Walter made a motion, which is seconded by Terry Baker, to accept the minutes as submitted. On the call of the vote, all voted aye.

Mark Green, Park Superintendent, presented the Baseball and Softball update. Mark stated the Baseball Committee hosted a parent meeting, at Indian Springs Middle School, where parents met coaches and received information for the upcoming season. Green stated, Baseball and Softball have completed drafts and the coaches have started scheduling practices.

Mark announced the Park will receive \$20,000 for Capital Improvement (CIP) money this year. Green stated the money will be used for repair of Field 6 fence and will build three shade structures between the ball fields.

Park Superintendent, Mark Green, presented the firework quotes from ACE Pyro, Camtor, and Mel Rose. Mark recommended Camtor to the Park Board because they provide the best display for the money. Larry Walter made a motion to accept the Camtor bid for this year and look at a three year contract next year, which is seconded by Mauri Bordner. On the call of the vote, all voted aye.

Mark Green opened the Aquatics location for discussion and stated that along US 30 would be a great location for visibility. However, due to the limitations and cost of land along US 30, the options are limited. Mayor Daniel stated, Mauri had a discussion with Kevin Michel, Walker and Associates, who suggested contacting Engineering Resources for suggestions on locations at the Park. Mayor Daniel contacted Derek Frederickson, Engineering Resources, who worked with the City of Columbia City on previous projects. Derek suggested the T-Ball site for the Aquatics location which has some of the same concerns as the north side of the bridge. Mark Green asked Martin Reilly to draw up the Aquatics plans on the T-ball site. Mayor Daniel stated he met with Brandon Forrester, Whitley County Engineer, who agreed the T-ball site was the best location.

Mauri Bordner requested a meeting be scheduled with Park Superintendent, Mark Green and Mayor Ryan Daniel and the Schrader Property Owners to discuss possible Park expansion and Aquatics Facility.

Mark Green, Park Superintendent, stated the site on the south side of US 30 would save money for the project. Martin Reilly stated the advantages of using existing parking would reduce the paving cost and off-set the cost of moving the T-ball fields.

Mayor Daniel and Mark Green presented an option of moving the T-ball fields to the north side of US 30 along with the football and soccer fields. Mayor Daniel also stated that alternatives to another exit out of the Park are under discussion.

Mayor Daniel gave a report on the process of fundraising procedures for the building of the Aquatics Facility and addressed questions and concerns discussed by the Park Board.

Mark presented an update on the Blue River Trail and the problems with a washout between the YMCA and Whitley Street. Mark stated he was waiting on a quote from Niblok to backfill and repair the area.

Mayor Daniel explained the Morsches Park, Coon Hunters Club, and Wolf property relocations of the entrance and exits during the 205 Project. The Mayor announced the project is on schedule for the spring of 2015.

The next meeting will be April 21, 2014.

All business was discussed, the Board adjourned.

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