

**Columbia City Park Board Minutes
June 9, 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

Members Absent:

Park Board Member Dan Curlless

After reviewing the minutes of the April 21, 2014 meeting, Terry Baker made a motion, which is seconded by Mauri Bordner, to accept the minutes as submitted. On the call of the vote, all voted aye.

Mark Green, Park Superintendent opened discussion on the proposed three Aquatics Facility locations. Mark and Mayor Ryan Daniel presented the information from their meeting with the owners of Real Estate Equities property. Green reported they were very agreeable with the project. Mayor Daniel stated Real Estate Equities would like a better definition of the three areas with maps and will need two appraisals on each area.

Mayor Daniel announced he contacted a statewide organization called Bicentennial Nature Trust. The Mayor stated one of their goals is expansion of green space and preservation of the natural types of land. Mayor Daniel stated the Executive Director will be here on June 19 to look over the entire three tracts to see if they qualify for a 50/50 grant.

Terry Baker suggested the appraisals be completed in five different tracts so an agreement could be made to purchase each tract at different dates. Terry Baker made a motion to have the five tracts, owned by Real Estate Equities, appraised by two different companies and Keith Nickolson seconded the motion. On the call of the vote, all voted aye.

Mark Green presented an update on the Burnworth Pool and the exceptional work completed by the Park employees. Mark stated, after filling the pool, the liner pulled away from the pool sides which required them to drain the pool to repair. The Park employees went around every inch of the liner looking for holes and found the liner had ripped around the old light on the deep end. Green stated they patched all around the light, caulked everywhere possible, and filled the pool back up with water. Mark stated the liner pushed back into place causing much amazement with the employees.

Park Superintendent, Mark Green presented an update on the temporary fix for the riverbank erosion. Mark stated the project is complete but the Whitley County Drainage Board felt they should have been notified before completion. Mayor Daniel stated the Blue River drainage fee has been paid from Storm Water Utility for the last two years and ask the Drainage Department to start billing the individual property owners.

Mark announced the baseball/softball season is half over and the 4th of July week will be tournament time. Green stated a meeting with the coaches and umpires was productive and had positive feedback.

Mark Green stated the siding will be completed on the pavilion soon so the landscaping can be done to finish the project. Mauri Bordner questioned if the leaning power pole next to the pavilion could be moved. Mark stated he would check again with the Electric Department Superintendent. Bordner suggested the need for stone in the hole where the shuffle board courts were previously removed. Mark stated he would look into the stone. Mauri Bordner asked if the camper electricity boxes could be removed.

Green announced the fireworks will be on July 3rd and the band He Said/She Said will be performing.

The next meeting will be June 23, 2014.

All business was discussed, the Board adjourned.

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