

**Columbia City Park Board Minutes
June 23, 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 June 9, 2014 meeting, Mauri Bordner 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, opened with an update on the summer baseball/softball programs. Mark stated the baseball tournaments are this week with the softball tournaments starting next week. Green announced that Travis Baker resigned from the Baseball Committee starting next season. Mark stated Travis has taken the Columbia City Parks Department's baseball program to the next level and will be truly missed.

Mark Green announced the fireworks program will be July 3rd in the Park. Mark stated Geartes, Shriners elephant ears, Bruno's Barbeque, Auntie Annes, Artic Shaved Ice, Whip-N-Chill Ice Cream, Glow Vendors and Cotton Candy Machine are the vendors scheduled to be present. Green stated the band "He Said-She Said" will be performing before the fireworks and the ReMax balloon will be providing hot-air balloon rides.

Mark opened discussion on the proposed Aquatics Facility. Green stated they received a letter from Real Estate Equities quoting the smaller lot of land next to Demoney and Grimes Funeral Home at \$100,000.00 per acre and the rest of the land at \$10,000.00 per acre. Mark Green stated appraisals from Orizion Real Estate and Ken Crace have been requested.

Mayor Ryan Daniel consulted with the Bicentennial Nature Trust on the specifications and restrictions to acquire land under the Indiana Bicentennial 2016 program. The Mayor stated the total available per project is \$300,000.00 at a one to one match. Mayor Daniel stated land can only be acquired for conservation and recreation with the DNR having a permanent easement to check that buildings are not built on this property.

After much discussion pertaining to the Real Estate Equities property and the Aquatics Facility, the Park Board and Mayor adjourned to walk the proposed area.

Keith Nickolson, Park Board President reconvened the meeting after a recess to visit the sites of the proposed Park expansion and Aquatic Facility. Keith suggested that Site 2 seemed to be the best site for Aquatics Facility with part of Site 4 needed. Terry Baker, Park Board Member, agreed that Site 2 and 4 the best locations. Terry also suggested Site 5 is purchased to install a driving bridge next to the existing walking bridge. Mayor Daniel suggested an easement be obtained for access to River Bluff Drive for a drive out of the facility.

Mauri Bordner, Park Board Secretary, made a motion for:

- A. Acquisition for Sites 2 and 4 for the purpose of the Aquatics Facility
- B. Review Site 5 for possible bridge easement access with Real Estate Equities
- C. Proceed with fundraising for outdoor Aquatics Facility
- D. Outdoor Aquatics Facility was selected over an Indoor Aquatics Facility

Terry Baker stated the motion was made on June 23, 2014 at 9:09pm. Larry Walters second the motion. On the call of the vote, all voted aye.

The next meeting will be July 28, 2014.

All business was discussed, the Board adjourned.

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