

La Porte County Park Board Meeting

September 3, 2024 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Ron.

ROLL CALL:

- Present: Mike King, Mary Nell Murphy, Nick Landers, Jim Holifield, Ron Knickrehm
- Absent: Amanda Nebelung, Mary Komenas
- Guests: ALCO TV

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- Mary Nell made a motion to approve the agenda; seconded by Mike.
- Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Nick made a motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Jim.
- Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment

FINANCIAL REPORTS

- We are at the point in the year where many of our accounts are reaching a zero balance.
- This is normal. We will be spending more out of our non-reverting account in the coming months to cover the remaining bills as accounts run out.
- Ron pointed out that he believes the County Council and Commissioners are appreciative of that. After all, we *do* bring in revenue; we should use it to offset the use of taxpayer dollars.
- Jim made a motion to approve the financial report; seconded by Mary Nell.
- Motion carried 5-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

1. Administrative Report

- **Bluhm project update:**
 - Affidavit has been signed and notarized and recorded; sent on to the other state departments for any necessary signatures.
 - Parkmans are getting their own affidavit signed as well.
 - As soon as these requirements are taken care of, the closing will be scheduled.
 - Ownership will go to the La Porte County Park Dept.
- **Canada Lodge roof replacement schedule**

- Roof is scheduled to be replaced on Sept. 16-19.
- 2. Maintenance & Construction Report**
 - **Boardwalk replaced at Bluhm**
 - Boardwalk is completely finished. Looks fantastic!
 - Big thanks to the Maintenance crew!
- 3. Program Report**
 - **Pioneer Days planning**
 - Pioneer Days is fast approaching! Sept. 28 & 29.
 - We are still in the need of volunteers! Contact April or Lacie to volunteer.
- 4. Park Counts**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- 1. Executive Committee: Ron and Jim**
 - No report
- 2. Budget Committee: Nick and Mary**
 - No report
- 3. Personnel Committee: Nick and Mary**
 - No report
- 4. Property Committee: Mike and Mary Nell**
 - **Rolling Prairie property update**
 - County Council did approve *both* the replacement of the roof on the existing building on the property *and* the hiring of a professional consultant for the development of the property.
- 5. Planning Committee: Amanda and Mary Nell**
 - **Future of Health Cabin at Red Mill**
 - No decision has been made at this point.
 - **Trails Master Plan update**
 - Jeremy has a meeting tomorrow morning at 10 am with Mitch Bishop and the consulting firm to develop a plan of "attack".
- 6. Rules Committee: Amanda and Mike**
 - No report

OLD BUSINESS: No old business

NEW BUSINESS: No new business

BOARD & STAFF COMMENTS

- Mary Nell reminded everyone that the fall migration has begun for migratory birds. 11 million birds will be passing through Indiana this fall! Please turn off your outdoor lights at night so as to not confuse the navigation of migrating birds.

ADJOURNMENT

- Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mary Nell.
- Motion carried 5-0.
- Meeting adjourned.