

Terre Haute Park and Recreation Board

Board Meeting, January, 17, 2024

Torner Center, Deming Park

Terre Haute, Indiana 47803

The Terre Haute Park and Recreation Board held its monthly Business Meeting on January 17, 2024 at 4:05PM, at the Torner Center, 500 S Fruitridge Ave, Terre Haute, Indiana, 47803. Board members in attendance were President, John Wright, Vice President, Bobby Moore, Secretary, Jann Speidel. Board Member, Nathan Schaumleffel. Lori Danielson, non-voting Board member.

Minutes from December 20, 2023 were approved as submitted., with one abstention. Vote 3-0

Departmental Statements of Activities were furnished by the Controller's Office for December, 2023. Payroll and Claims. The reports were approved as submitted for Parks, Hulman, and Rea, with one abstention. Vote 3-0

President John Wright, welcomed the public, he then turned the meeting over to Superintendent Eddie Bird.

Old Business

Pottery Contracts – Contracts for pottery instructors, Melissa Leturgez, Emilee Vicars, and Haylee Bean were presented to the board for approval. This item was tabled until concerns were addressed regarding insurance liability, paid as a contractor, and supply cost. It was suggested to make them an hourly employee. Tabled.

Master Plan - RJL is assisting in compiling RFP for the Parks next 5 year Master Plan. Board Member Nathan Schaumleffel offered to assist and have an ISU class he teaches, assess the criteria. Two major parks have had a separate plan and scope of work to be done. Those are Fairbanks Park & Herz Rose.

Upcoming Events – Director of Recreation, Kilie Smith reported on Easter plans, partnerships were underway. The date is March 23 for the Easter Egg Hunt with a rain date of March 30, 2024 – Remnant Church will return this year as a partner.

Events to entertain are July 4, Old Fashion Day, and Christmas in the Park. The Fireworks contract for Independence Day has not been finalized.

Kilie received a grant for \$10,000 to educate and promote activities for the upcoming Solar Eclipse. Our sites will be at Dobbs, Fairbanks, and Maple Avenue having hours of 1PM to 4PM for activities. Kilie is still trying to secure a speaker, John Herrington for the event.

Announcements

Brandon Halleck, The Booker T. Washington Community Center updated the Board on the renovation of the 2nd floor office, and conference room, He has partnered with Modern Psychology to offer onsite Mental Health care services for children, age 7 – adulthood.

Public Comment

None