

Thorntown Park Board Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2022 – 6:00 PM

Location: City Hall

Attendance: MJ Fairfield, Lisa Vitaniemi, Leslie Doctor

Absent: Derek Babcock

Vice President MJ Fairfield called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes

MJ Fairfield moved to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2022 meeting. Leslie Doctor seconded. Minutes approved. Lisa will provide signed copies of the minutes to Koren Gray for the Town Council.

Public Input

There were no public comments.

Town Council Update

None

Old/Continuing Business

Updates:

Master Plan – MJ advised that Dax Norton indicated the master plan would be completed by next week. Lisa provided the board with copies of bids for tree removal from Freshour Tree Service and for pour-in-place surfacing for the playground from Snider Recreation. These items would be for inclusion in the master plan improvements.

Trail Update: The replacement posts on the bridge have not yet been accomplished. MJ is to get with Derek to complete.

Gaga Pit stakes – No update. Derek was to get stakes.

Weeds in tennis court and volleyball court – No update. Derek to spray with RoundUp.

Work on shelter house roof and restroom building – Lisa reminded the board that Jerry Seymour had submitted a bid for \$9,000 to complete the work before the end of the year. The Board had approved this bid via text messages. Lisa advised that Jerry has ordered the materials and will get started as soon as they are received.

Restroom Closing – Lisa advised that Angie Moody has requested the restrooms be open for the Halloween parade. Gary Moody contacted Lisa about winterizing. She will get in touch with him after the parade. MJ will ask Marilyn to clean one more time before closing for the winter.

Ball Diamond mowing – MJ advised that the diamonds had been mowed once in October and should be done for the season. He believes all payments have been received through September.

Budget Review – Koren Gray had provided copies of the financial reports for the Park Board. It was noted that the Council had appropriated \$2500 for summer programming but only \$2000 was paid from that appropriation. If additional money is needed for park maintenance before the end of the year we might ask if funds can be transferred between accounts as some of the program expenses were from the general budget.

Dead tree removal – Lisa has not heard from Gary about cutting down. She will contact him.

Cameras: No new information. Derek is to take care of contacting the company to come and get things set up again.

New Business

Trail Signage – Melanie Gall has requested a sign downtown to direct the trail route. Lisa advised that a previous request about one like Zionsville’s was going to cost \$1,500. MJ advised that he would contact the State Highway department to see if there is any possibility of them putting up a sign

Next work day – No other work days are scheduled until the spring clean up April 1.

Work to be completed this fall: Gaga pit stakes, pea gravel, dead tree removal and trail post replacement.

Gardens - Leslie advised that she is still working on the gardens. We will be obtaining some grasses to plant on park properties in the next week or so.

Trail Master Plan - The Board discussed creating a master plan for the trail. Items to include would be root repair/repavement and signage. This can be discussed at the next meeting.

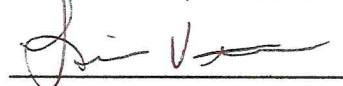
Little League Request – The Little League has requested to place a storage building between the two ball diamonds on Pearl Street at their cost. It was discussed by the board and decided that specifics for the storage unit should be provided, and the information provided to the Town Council for approval. MJ will work with the Little League. It was also noted that the Little League plans to put turf on the field next to the press box.

Lisa moved that we adjourn the meeting at 6:35 PM, Leslie seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting is November 28, 2022 at 6:00 PM.



Derek Babcock, President



Lisa Vitaniemi, Secretary

MJ Fairfield, Vice President



Leslie Doctor, Member