

Akron Park Board
August 22, 2024

Present: Kirk Robinson, Member; Jim Steen, Member; Katie Newcomer, Member; Jan Morgan, Member; Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer; Jake Gearhart, Superintendent; Anthony Newcomer, Assistant Superintendent

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.

Jan made a motion to accept the July 23, 2024 regular meeting minutes as written. Katie 2nd. 4 ayes.

Current financial report as of August 22, 2024 was presented.

Kirk shared the installation of the new Pike Memorial Park sign will occur in the next week.

Kirk discussed getting an estimate from Gaunt & Son & Jason Siders about filling the crack and resealing the trails at Pike Memorial Park & Cutshall Park.

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trails

Rebecca will order additional signs for the pavilions and park to remind visitors not to park or drive on the grass, especially those renting the pavilions. Rebecca was asked to create a list of rules for the Pavilion Rentals and share with anyone reserving as a reminder to keep off the grass.

The board discussed fixing the areas at the park that need grass replanted because of over spraying. Jake & Anthony will investigate what is needed to fix the areas.

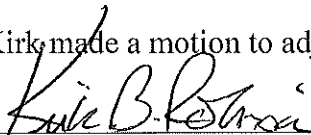
Kirk informed the park board that he and Rebecca completed an IMPACT Letter of Intent with the Northern Indiana Community Foundation for financial assistance to help cover the expense of the new security camera system at Pike Memorial Park. Jim made a motion to approve the quote from Cottage Watchman for \$25,316. Jan 2nd. 4 ayes.

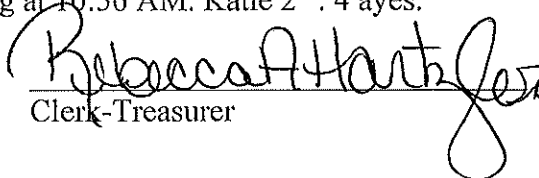
The board discussed the increase of electric bike/scooter traffic on the trails and around town. To remove these motorized bike/scooters from the trails would not provide a safe location for our youth to use them. It was determined just to continue to monitor the situation and address any concerns that may arise in the future.

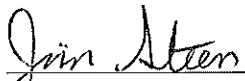
Jake informed the park board that both water fountains are now leaking. They will be removed. A new water fountain/water filling station will be installed by the restroom facility in the Spring of 2025.


The next park board meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

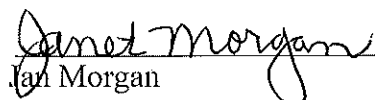
Kirk made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 AM. Katie 2nd. 4 ayes.


Kirk Robinson


Rebecca Hartzler
Clerk-Treasurer


Jim Steen


Katie Newcomer


Jan Morgan