

**PARK & RECREATION MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2010**  
**6:15 P.M.**

- Call to Order:** The Parks & Recreation Board met on the above date and time in the Council Chambers, 270 W. 15<sup>th</sup> Street. President Denny Corn called the meeting to order. Members present were Liz Crain, Anna Karen Pennington, Steve Sickbert and Dave Malson with Sue Otte arriving late.  
Also present was Parks Director Danny Mathews, Secretary Carla Sharpe, Amphitheater Chairman Mike Pavey, APC Director Bill Todd and “Mom on a Mission” Julie Newhouse.
- Minutes:** Minutes of January 12, 2010 was presented for approval. Sickbert moved to approve minutes for January 12, 2010. Malson seconded. Motion carried. Minutes approved.
- Reports:** Mathews reported the Valentines Dance has been moved to Friday March 19<sup>th</sup>.
- APC Director Bill Todd was present and presented the board with a drawing of the Park Restaurant parameter which is 53 x 110. Todd stated the Park Restaurant suffered a fire. He thought they could salvage part of the structure. After doing investigation himself the basic structure is gone.
- Todd reported he had a meeting with Restaurant Manager Larry Conover, City Attorney Ron Wilson and the Mayor and it was decided the structure needed to be raised all but the 2<sup>nd</sup> dining room off to the west. It will have to meet code and provide handicap restrooms. The restrooms in the building were inadequate.
- Todd scheduled a variance before the BZA to build on another 9 feet to add handicap restrooms.
- Meantime there was another meeting with the Mayor and Attorney and there seemed to be no problem. The Board of Works had no problem with it.
- The variance was granted and he needed something from the Board of Works for Larry’s file that the Board of Works agreed with it.
- The official minutes of the Board of Works where the Board of Works agreed to approve the variance is in his file.
- It was then time to take the building down and it was found that the top plates were charred. The new studs were damaged so they had to remove the whole building.
- Todd stressed the City owns this building not Conover.
- Todd went on to say to be more economical Conover has asked to build a rectangular building 53 x 110 and use the dead space.
- This will be a pole barn construction type with 82 inch windows that were salvaged out of the building.
- The North wall will probably be able to open and close into a bigger dining room or two small dining rooms.
- The Board of Works and Mayor were called again. They agreed this will be a more valuable building.
- Todd admitted he made a mistake in not saying from the get go to start all over.
- The Board of Works today voted to allow a rectangular building same width as old building other than taking in the dead space on the North West corner nothing has changed.
- Todd said the parking problem is not a new concern; the parking has been a problem all along. People want to see it open as this restaurant is a favorite of everyone.
- The Mayor has directed Danny Mathews and Ron Cameron to look into the parking issue.
- The City’s Zoning Ordinance says he has 18 months to build within the footprint.
- This will not be in the footprint with the additional use of the dead area adding 9 foot on.
- Todd said they will be getting a new street cut and adding sewer lines to Jackson Street.
- Todd said the plans are being drawn up now. Still has to be reviewed by State plan Review and the State Fire Marshall.
- The pole barn will have a 4 x 12 pitch with real stone to decorate the building on the outside.
- Todd said he thinks this will be very nice and is ready to get it up and going.
- Now just waiting on Conover to get the plans finalized through the State and get permits to start building the building.
- Sickbert questioned adding 450 sq. feet on the South end. Todd saying the addition will be 24 feet wide by 45 feet long. He said the way he calculates this will be adding close to 1,600 square feet of building space.
- Sickbert asked Todd why he was here instead of Conover with this request.
- Malson stated the Board of Works owns the real estate and Todd is just coming to keep this board informed as a courtesy.
- Corn said he still has an issue with parking. He stated he is ok with this plan as long as it doesn’t take any more room out of the park.
- Sickbert questioned the stipulations for the parking. Todd said, in the City, there needs to be one (1) parking space for every two (2) seats plus one parking space for every five (5) employees there needs to be another parking space.

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Todd also reported the tree next to the back entrance was hurt in the fire and they went ahead and took it down.  
Todd reported he is not sure what is going to happen with the street lights.

**Claims:** Malson and Pennington reviewed claims prior to meeting. Malson moved to approve the claims for the month. Pennington seconded. Motion carried. Claims approved for the month.

**Unfinished Business:**

Hire Pool Manager – Mathews stated that himself, Malson, Sickbert and Corn all met and interviewed the candidates for Pool Manager.  
Mathews said it's his recommendation to hire Michelle Kessler as Pool Manager and Charlie Brown and Rita Kaster as Assistant Pool Managers.  
Mathews said Brown was a strong candidate for Pool Manager but that with his Fire Department schedule he feels this is best.  
Mathews feels they will work as a good team and stated they have big shoes to fill.  
The Pool Manager will make less which allows them to hire two assistants.  
Crain moved to approve Michelle Kessler as Pool Manager and Charlie Brown and Rita Kaster as Pool Assistants. Pennington seconded. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

Discuss Swim Pool Passes for St. Patricks Day – Sharpe reported that the St. Patricks Committee donates \$2,500 every year for Amphitheater Sponsorship. In exchange for this we give them two Family Season Passes to the swimming pool valuing \$100 each for their raffle.  
Sickbert moved to approve the pool passes. Malson seconded. Motion carried.

Amphitheater Chairman Mike Pavey was present and shared with the board the list of concerts for 2010. They are as follows:

**May 22, 2010 – Community Day**

Hoosier Jazz Buddies

Additional bands to be announced – Cain Grocox will make this announcement when available.

Community day will be held from 12 noon to 6:30-7:00 pm.

This will be a free hog roast. There will be a silent auction, kid's games, Touch a Truck and possibly a bouncy house.

**June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 – Party/Tribute**

Joe Rigney – Local Artist

Parrots of the Caribbean

**June 26, 2010 – Patriotic**

High School Percussion Band – Pending

38<sup>th</sup> Infantry Band

**July 10, 2010 – Country/Rock Tribute**

KJ Testin

7 Bridges Band – Eagle Tribute Band

**July 24, 2010 – Blues**

Governor Davis

Skyla Burrell

**August 14, 2010 – Bluegrass/Irish**

Brian Wallen

Mother Grove

**August 28, 2010 – Rock – n – Retro**

650 North

The Devonshires

Sickbert stated he thinks everyone does a great job at the Amphitheater.

Sickbert asked if there were any issues. Pavey said a year prior there were two incidents of people being asked to leave the park.

Pavey said we should all do a ribbon cutting for the restrooms when finished.

Pavey reported that Street Commissioner Jemmy Miller is buying the T-1-11 to put on the ceiling.

Sickbert questioned the finances. Pavey said so far things look like where we've been in the past. Looking for higher lever sponsors. Not having a stage sponsor hurts. We hope to get a lot more regional sponsors.

Discuss Fundraisers @ Amphitheater

1) Dan Slavin – Hospital Community Foundation – Brian's Cause

2) Georgia Gurley – Fundraiser for Skylar Hedrick

3) Heart of Rushville – Large Rummage Sale – April

4) Jeff Leonard – Toy's 4 Tots – Fundraiser – Sock Hop – DJ

Pavey stated the Amphitheater Committee has decided to put together a policy on fundraisers during concerts. The hospital has decided not to be a part of our concert this year.

Pavey said we have no problem working with local charitable organizations but we have got to get a policy in place.  
We will pick one charitable organization each year. Organizations are to turn in their requests.  
The Mayor has stated he is fine with the fundraisers as long as it helps the whole community.  
Once the application is filled out a house committee will pick which organization will be allowed to fundraise at a concert.

Pavey stated we do not want to get to the point where no one wants to come to our concerts because they are getting hit up for money all the time. These are free concerts. That's why we solicit sponsorship.  
Corn stated that himself, the Mayor, Malson and Pavey all had a meeting to go over the above and he felt it was a good meeting.  
Sickbert stated he agreed there needed to be some sort of a policy.  
Corn stated he feels that a policy will work out well.  
Todd questioned the 501C3. He stated you have to have a gaming license to do raffles.  
Pavey thanked the board for their support.

**Items not known in advance:**

Julie Newhouse was present and stated she has a child that is 15 years old and is on the Swim Team. She stated she is a "Mom on a Mission".  
She shared with the board she would like to put a bubble over our swimming pool.  
Newhouse handed out information for the board's review:

**RUSHVILLE POOL DOME**

1. Winter uses for pool
  - A. Rushville Swim Team
  - B. Senior Citizens
  - C. Hospital Rehabilitation and Therapy use
  - D. Memberships for individuals, families and businesses
  
11. Existing facility built in 1999 and approximately 10 years old
  - A. Already is a competition pool
    1. Has 6 lane, 25 yard pool and four feet deep which is minimum for IHSAA standards
  - B. Can be at same time used for a recreational/rehab pool
    1. In shallow area has zero depth entrance so do not have to enter by latter which is good for rehabilitation purposes
    2. Is a heated pool
  - C. Also has a separate diving well so can be used for competitive diving
  - D. Recreation and competition can go together. Other competition pools, i.e. Yorktown are very hot so can be worked out so have both uses
  
111. How to use pool in winter?
  - A. Put a dome over it
  
- IV. Costs of dome
  - A. \$414,032 for seasonal pool dome purchase with a 15 year warranty
  - B. On site construction work - \$120,000
  - C. Initial dome install - \$30,000
  - D. Total costs \$564,032
  
- V. Annual costs
  - A. Annual utility costs \$24,734.00
  - B. Seasonal install and take down of air structure \$12,000 to \$20,000 depending on labor.
  
- VI. How to pay?
  - A. Potential bonds through stimulus money
    1. Build America Bonds
    2. Discovery Zone Bonds
  - a. Already encumbered
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> set of Discovery Zone bonds
    - B. Potential grants for seniors, Insurance, Lilly Foundation, Membership fees, Insurance donations, business donations, donations for naming rights for lanes, the dome, etc.

Newhouse went on to say there is a dome at Crown Point Indiana if anyone wants to take a road trip.  
Newhouse stated she is here now asking to proceed further. Her goal is to have this dome on the pool by October of 2010 when the swim season begins.  
Malson stated that other governmental entities would have to bare some of the costs.

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Corn stated it will be another expense to cover the filter system.  
Newhouse stated that all entities that use it will pay for the lifeguards.  
Malson stated we don't have the faculty to operate and maintain it. If the school and county can take over responsibility then we have the facility.  
The board gave Newhouse their blessing to do some checking but that in no way can we commit right now.  
Sickbert told Newhouse if she want's to do the leg work to go for it.  
Malson suggested going to County and School as this will be to their benefit too.  
Malson again said Newhouse can work on this as long as we are not committed.

Newhouse stated he has no intent to give Danny more work.  
Mathews stated his budget is cut to the bone now.  
Mathews stated that leaving the pool open all year you have to maintain levels, you can't turn the pool off and on, on a day to day basis.  
Malson stated the City has the facility to offer and gave Newhouse the permission to check with other entities and check into grants.  
We are not obligating the City of Rushville in any way. Otte seconded. Motion carried.

Sharpe asked if this board was going to allow the above fundraisers to use the Amphitheater.  
Malson stated we need to get a polity fixed before we can do anything.  
Sickbert stated we need to amend the current policy.  
Malson stated we need fees and deposits and moved to table this at this time until we can get a plan ourselves and develop a policy. Pennington seconded. Motion carried.

Sharpe reported that Stephanie Holman with United Families has a Support Group for Kids with Emotional Serious Disturbances and needs a place to meet and is asking to use Booker T. as a free location once a month.  
The board ask to put her on next month's agenda as she needs to come and explain her request further.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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DENNY CORN, PRESIDENT

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LIZ CRAIN, MEMBER

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ANNA KAREN PENNINGTON, MEMBER

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SUE OTTE, MEMBER

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DAVID A. MALSON, MEMBER

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STEVE SICKBERT, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY