

**CITY OF MISHAWAKA, BOARD OF PARKS & RECREATION  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**DATE:** May 27, 2014

**TIME:** 4:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Community Room, Battell Community Center

**PRESENT:** Reg Wagle, John Coppens, Carolyn A. Teeter, Ellen West, Bill Pemberton, Mike Faulkner

**NOT PRESENT:**

**ALSO PRESENT:** Terry Zeller, Yvonne Teeter, Robert C. Beutter, Esq.

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Board President, Reg Wagle, called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited by Mr. Coppens. Mr. Wagle called for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12<sup>th</sup> meetings as presented. Mrs. Teeter moved to approve the minutes. Mrs. West seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

On May 5<sup>th</sup> the Park Board of Trustees held a Special Meeting to give swim clubs the opportunity to speak on behalf of their organizations pertaining to the use of Merrifield and Mary Gibbard Pool for an agenized item to formulate a policy for the use of the pools, and a short term policy for this year's swim season. 3 of the 4 teams were represented at this meeting. It was determined about a week later; Irish Aquatics did not get the email due to a typographical problem with his email address. On May 8<sup>th</sup> Irish Aquatics contacted the Park Office requesting equal speaking time. Irish Aquatics were granted their request at the May 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting. At the May 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting Irish Aquatics produced email confirmation of request to use Merrifield Pool at the same time slot from previous years for the 2014 season. The emails were dated August 1, 2013. At this Meeting, Park Board made the decision to honor the agreement between the clubs with historic use.

Board President, Mr. Wagle, stated after the May 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting the Board became aware of the email discussions between Mr. Mick and Mr. Dorsch regarding the 2014 season usage. The Board had made decisions without knowledge of these emails. Discussion followed.

Mr. Wagle asked Mr. Zeller where we stand now, assuming no one wants to discuss this any further. Mr. Zeller shared as far as the Parks Office is concerned we had commitments in August of last year and we have record of that. Mr. Zeller believes revoking those commitments would be material damage to the clubs. Mr. Zeller knows Irish and Pro had formulated their team use and swim times around those commitments.

Mr. Faulkner asked Mr. Zeller what the response to Michiana Stars when they formulated a plan to request pool usage and when did that take place? From what Mr. Zeller can gather, Michiana Stars formed in early 2014, and incorporated in mid-February or March of 2014; therefore, club wasn't even in existence when these commitments were made.

Mr. Wagle indicated the Board set themselves a long time goal of creating a policy of pool facilities for complete teams. Mr. Wagle stated the learning continues. Mr. Wagle shared when the Board acted on May 5<sup>th</sup>, they acted on a proposal that the 4 teams would get together and figure it out. There has been no product on that discussion, and two, the Board had no knowledge of the previous commitments. So, this is where the Board stands on this issue. The Board believes in making those commitments we cannot back off now. So changing that now is not a possibility.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Zeller presented a request for approval of Items for Declaration of Surplus at the Aquatics/Ice Rink. Items to be declared surplus included eleven pairs of skates, twenty pool chairs, and 6 lifejackets – all with unsafe conditions. Laminex polaroid ID maker and photo punch – not in working order. Water testing kit/1995/with expired reagents, four broken dasher boards, and two broken plexiglass sheets. Mrs. Teeter moved to approve the request and Mr. Coppens seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Zeller presented a request for approval of fee waiver for the Use of Battell Park Bandshell by Albright United Methodist Church for their annual worship/concert/cookout held on Sunday, June 8, July 20, and August 17, 2014 with the neighborhood and community welcomed. Albright United Methodist Church requested use of the Bandshell from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm for the set-up, event, and clean up. This is a free event. Mrs. West moved to approve Albright's request and Mrs. Teeter seconded Mrs. West's motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Zeller requested the Board approve for payment the following claim docket(s):

<u>Docket #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2014-00000183	\$97,180.02
2014-00000184	\$37,480.30
2014-00000186	\$609.30
2014-00000192	\$69.00
2014-00000194	\$296.60
2014-00000201	\$233.10

Mrs. Teeter moved to approve the claims as presented and Mr. Pemberton seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

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**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Mr. Zeller informed the Board about Summerfest is still on schedule, and the street closure request was approved at Board of Works on Tuesday (May 27, 2014). Mr. Zeller stated we will have fireworks again this year. Mr. Zeller told the Board fireworks and music will all be squeezed into one day this year.

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**DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:**

Will be at the June 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

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**OPEN FORUM:**

Mr. Wagle called for additional questions and/or comments from those in attendance. At this time, Mike Anderson of Granger, IN relayed to the Board he would love to have another shot at getting the 4 teams together to try and figure a solution out regarding pool usage. At this time, Mr. Pemberton suggested the Board extend the date, and make all four managers come to the Battell Center to meet with the Pool Manager, the Park Superintendent and possibly the Board Chairman and if it doesn't work by June 1<sup>st</sup> or June 9<sup>th</sup> when the pool opens then we are done talking. Mr. Wagle does not believe we should have a presence at all. Mr. Wagle believes this is their puzzle to solve. Mr. Pemberton made a motion that the teams/clubs come together and report to the Park Department by June 9<sup>th</sup> on their ability to work together on behalf of the children. When will then listen what happens at the Meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. West seconded Mr. Pemberton's motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. West requested to see the email between Mr. Mick and Mr. Dorsch.

Mr. Pemberton requested to see the documentation that supports the historical use of the pool facilities.

Rick Miller of 1227 Qwiggle Place in Granger, IN asked the Board and Mr. Zeller what the fall back plan would be if the clubs cannot come to an agreement. Mr. Wagle stated we would determine what will happen in time.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

As there were no further questions or comments to be made, a motion for adjournment was made by Mrs. Teeter and seconded by Mr. Faulkner. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Submitted for Approval to the Board



Yvonne Teeter  
Secretary, Parks & Recreation

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carolyn A. Teeter, Board Secretary