

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

DATE: July 27, 2015
TIME: 4:30 p.m.
PLACE: Community Room, Battell Community Center
PRESENT: Reg Wagle, John Coppens, Carolyn A. Teeter, Ellen West, Tony Violi
NOT PRESENT: Michael P. Faulkner
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 4:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Coppens. Mr. Wagle called for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 13th meeting as presented. Mrs. Teeter moved to approve the minutes and Mr. Coppens seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

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OLD BUSINESS:

None at this time.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Zeller presented a request for a New Park Rule Banning Skateboard Use within the Downtown Parks. Mrs. Teeter moved to table Mr. Zellers request and Mrs. West seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Zeller presented a request for Items to be Declared Surplus. Mr. Coppens moved to approve the request and Mrs. Teeter seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Teeter requested the Board approve for payment the following claim docket(s):

<u>Docket #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2015-00000309	\$272.60
2015-00000312	\$499.99
2015-00000318	\$1,023.30
2015-00000322	\$71,754.31
2015-00000325	\$49,597.64

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

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Zeller shared with the Board Central Park is still getting record use.

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DIRECTOR REPORTS:

None at this time.

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OPEN FORUM:

Mr. Wagle called for additional questions and/or comments from those in attendance. Mary Brown of Mishawaka expressed she has an issue telling the skateboarders they cannot be in the parks. She indicated the skateboarders need a place to go. If they cannot be in the parks they need to be given an alternative.

Charles Mitschelen has a granddaughter who loves to skateboard. Mr. Mitchelen said he has seen some of the damage to the parks and does not like it, but says some kids just want to cruise on their long boards. He hopes for a program to be put together for directing/supporting skateboarding, so not to just kill off the sport.

Steven Bruster of Mishawaka expressed skateboarding is a means of transportation. Mr. Bruster feels if ban on skateboards, there should be a ban on BMX bikes, scooters, etc. He shared most skateboarders like stairs, steps, etc. to help them go bigger and having those types of things at a skate park would be a good idea.

Bob Irish who lives in Clay Township, but is a volunteer in Mishawaka spoke for banning skateboards in the park. Mr. Irish stated the skateboarders zoomed in and out of the splash pad at Central Park. He is worried about the small children playing getting hit by one of them. Mr. Irish believes there needs to be some kind of regulations for skateboarders.

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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. Coppens. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Submitted for Approval to the Board



Yvonne Teeter
Office Coordinator, Parks & Recreation

Approved: _____
Carolyn A. Teeter, Board Secretary