

Minutes of the Board.....January 20,2026

Attendance: President Bryan Robbins, Secretary Desirae Moore, Sue Fortman, Dave Smith, Erica Gunn, Scott Richards, Kevin Staggs, Executive Director Chris Noblitt, Rob DeHoff, Jody Biddinger, Kathy Herbert and guest Bill Rethlake.

Minutes: Were read and approved on corrections to be made by Erica Gunn and seconded by Desirae Moore.

Claims: Were approve on a motion made by Sue Fortman and seconded by Desirae Moore.

New Business:

Maintenance Report: Jody Biddinger presented his report to the board with updates to each of the parks and safety issues that they have found, and Jody has talked to Aquatic Control about possible adding water fountain system to the pond at the City Park, however there are many factors to consider. Jody shared information on the general maintenance on the tractor and mowers, and the status of the house demolition.

Recreation/ Sports Coordinator Report: Rob DeHoff shared with the board the updates with the progress of the restroom’s construction, Rob’s hope is that they will be up and functioning for hour start of the season tournaments February 28,2026. Rob informed the board that we have thirty-three tournaments confirmed this year. I am working with Greensburg High School to establish a county-wide football league, with the goal of utilizing the turf fields beginning in May. I am currently coordinating with the county to ensure proper insurance coverage is in place. We will control registration, equipment, and scheduling. Recreational baseball and softball registrations are now open. The committee supporting this program has been outstanding and has provided many strong ideas. League play is scheduled to begin on May 4, 2026. Committee members will assist with assessments, league nights, coach recruitment, and the development of rules and expectations for officials. This group has been very engaged and is committed to building a quality program for the community. We are currently seeking a Food and Beverage Manager to oversee all concession operations. Concessions will also be operational at Pirate Park this season. Rob also mentioned The County Commissioners are supportive of the proposed Inclusion Diamond project and believe Rebecca Park is the preferred location.

New Score Boards for the Complex: Executive Director Chris Noblitt handed out a picture of the new scoreboards with the quoted cost being forty-four thousand six hundred and forty dollars, Chris also informed the board that Coca Cola signs a five-year contract with us at fifty thousand dollars which will cover the cost of the signs.

Harpring Farms LLC Contract Renewal:

President Bryan Robbins presented to the board contract for 2026, leasing for seven-acre payment of two hundred and fifty dollars per acre with an annual payment of one thousand seven

hundred and fifty dollars. Bryan also stated that since Rebekah Park may be the prime location for the new inclusion ballpark, but with no footprint or location in that area, he would like the board to approve the contract with Harpring Farms, and we will inform them of the situation.

A motion to renew the contract with Harpring Farms was made by Erica Gunn and seconded by Desirae Moore.

Executive Director Report: Chris Noblitt updated the board with the progress of our new website and the meeting he had with them last week, and Chris is very impressed with the program. Chris also informed the board that we were also adding new electricity to Rebekah Park with access control for the Bark Park locks and security to help with the vandalism issues we are experiencing. Chris explained to the board that we would cover one thousand dollars of that cost, however Tourism will be paying three thousand dollars toward the project, and this will enhance the vendors at The Summer Series Concerts. Chris informed the board that the candidates have been coming in for the new Food and Beverage position, the position posting ends January 27, 2026, and Rob and I will start interviewing the candidates. Pool update and funding that have been raised is a little over 3.5 million dollars; however, the contract is for 3.9 million we budgeted for 4.5 million just in case we ran into complications with the project. After the council meeting today, they gave us 2 million dollars, and 1 million of those dollars are for operating costs this in turn will be repaid to the council. With much discussion about the current progress of the demolition of the existing pool, the board is requesting to see the plans for the new pool. Chris also stated that the demolition of the Parkhouse should be done this week.

2025 Annual Report: President Bryan Robbins ask the board to view it; Bryan sincerely appreciated all the snap shots of the financials.

Other Business (OB): President Bryan Robbins talked to the County Council this morning. Bryan was requested to update the job descriptions for the parks staff, due to our future growth we need to look at our current job descriptions, Bryan stated the he would get with the executive committee and with Chris to discuss the new job descriptions, and titles, then meet with the salary committee, this will be passed through the board as well and the job description will be matched to adequate compensation. Another topic that was requested drafting and revising the bylaw, we have a good first draft, this includes fiscal responsibilities, board members responsibilities, handling liability, special meetings all coordinated and connected to the Indiana bylaw codes. Bryan is hoping to have this accomplished in the next few months.

Meeting adjourned on a motion was made by Kevin Staggs and seconded by Scott Richards.