

# Austin Parks Board Meeting

Agenda and minutes January 3, 2022 6:00 pm

Call to Order- 6:02

Members present- I. White, CJ White, JD Buchanan, G. Hollan, F. Hale. K. Baker

Guests – None

## Reorganize

Hale moved to keep as is, Hollan Seconded. Vote 4-0- 2 abstained

**President- JD Buchanan**

**Vice- President- Kenny Baker**

**Secretary- Ishmael White**

## Old Business

- 1.) Handicapped Swing set needs installation- Done. Thanks to Don Spicer & his crew.
- 2.) Manaugh Park Lake- Everything looks great
- 3.) DNR- Application submitted to Federal DNR December 1st. Archeological survey Complete. Waiting on results. Next update in March. River Hills invoice paid.
- 4.) Signage for 6<sup>th</sup> and Cross. On order. Great deal from Titan Sign out of Salem. **The quote** for the oval sign is \$250 and the smaller 8'x12" would be \$90. Great price! This picture will be in lower right of sign. Final layout approved. Should have it by next meeting.



- 5.) Update of Book Houses- Ishmael White contacted Darlene Hall of the library. We will wait until spring to install
- 6.) Fencing at Spicertown Park working with trustee all money encumbered. Fire Department not doing any paving this year. We will do it in 2 phases, half is ready to be installed now. Second half will require some property line clearing and the Blue Double wide removed.
- 7.) Double wide issue still open. We have a couple interested parties. We directed them to the ARC. No update. We are going to follow with 3 interested parties and approach ARC with process. White and Buchanan
- 8.) Formally asked for a street light at 6<sup>th</sup> and Cross. No feedback from City Hall No movement

## **New Business:**

- 1.) Trees fell during wind storm in December. Reminded Mayor that getting the remaining tree cut in spring, is a must. Repaired thanks to JD. Buchanan.





2.) City sold a sliver of Manaugh Park to State for Sidewalk access for \$20,350.00. We should ask for that money.

### **Austin Council approves property sale, purchase of new police radios**

The sale of property along U.S. Highway 31 North in Austin was approved by City Council members during their business meeting on Tuesday, December 14.

A sliver of land is needed by the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) in the area of Ray Manaugh Park for a right-of-way. INDOT is willing to pay \$20,350.

Councilmen approved the sale by a 5-0 vote.

Police Chief Shawn Hurt presented a plan to purchase 12 handheld 800

megahertz radios for the community's police officers and active reserve officers. The radios are needed by his men in order to keep in contact with the Scott County Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff's Department advocates use of the radios, and the Austin Police Department relies on its officers to provide backup to a large degree.

The Council granted Chief Hurt \$18,000 for the project, though Hurt had presented a price tag closer to \$19,000


**Things that need doing at Manaugh Park:**

- a. Seal Walkway
- b. Floor for open air shelter- When sidewalk goes in that will get major use.
- c. Repair/ replace existing Light
- d. Put outlets on base of Light for future decorations at holidays
- e. Treat pond with Chemical



3.) Discuss options to use local contractors for the Grant work

Currently, as long as the project is not above 50,000.00 or an emergency, commissioners are allowed to use any business they choose. I don't believe this is fair to the citizens of our county because it's not being responsible with your tax dollars. The more people who bid on a project the more honest pricing we will receive. It's also not fair for projects to be awarded only to "friends" and in doing so "padding the pockets" of only a few businesses. I encourage all business owners in Scott Co. The parks board unanimously agreed to promote local awareness of the potential work and we want as much local usage as possible.



4.) Need to meet with city and consultant, Baker and Tilley, on option to impose a park tax levy on new home construction- Buchanan and White will follow up with Mayor Hawkins.



5.) Park hours and no trespassing signs. How Many? Who Pays? What to put on them? 5, park will pay, I. White will do. Layout and get quote from Titan sign – I. White

## **Walk-ins:**



1.) When the sidewalk work starts we want align with putting electric along HWY 31



2.) When we get the DNR grant, we need to work with city to get a construction access to the proposed property acquisition through either North or Rural St.

**Adjourn: 7:04 pm White made motion, Hale seconded it vote 6-0.**