

**Austin Parks Board Meeting
Minutes March 6, 2023 6:00 pm**

Call to Order- 6:04 pm by President Buchanan

Members present: Buchanan, White, Baker, Hale


Guests: None


Review February minutes & approve- Hale moved to approve, white seconded, vote 4-0

Review and approve claims February –one item, \$14.99 flex seal to repair boat. Hale moved to approve, White seconded vote 4-0

Old Business:

1.) DNR grant. Update Buchanan and White, Survey, appraisal, new layout. White gave update. Survey completed received today. New layout reviewed with two pickle ball courts rather than a tennis court and pickle ball court. May have to get approval to change. White will follow up with Melissa Woods. Got contract from Melissa Woods on project administration. Need more details, will invite Melissa to next meeting.

 **2.) Tree cutting at Broadway. 2 trees fell last Tuesday- Disparately need to get the 20+ dead marked trees cut. This is the third spring we have tried to get this done. We marked them 3 times, with little action. Need to get a commitment from mayor and street department to do it or pursue other options.**

 **3.) Need to get quote to remove trees at Spicertown Park. Need to reach out to city to see what they can cut. Move to spring effort. Same as Number 2. We are moving forward with a plan to get Spicertown functional this year. This is the first step**

4.) Spread the word if people want to purchase commemorative benches, Need 10 to get an order discount. White has 5 requests. Buchanan has 1. Need to determine if current supplier will do them and what the price will be. Need to let people know they can select which park they go in, Community, Manaugh, Campbell or Spicertown. Still looking for local supplier Reached out to current supplier They can do early summer. Have 7 requests at this time. White got another commitment during book walk. We are now up to 8. Keep pushing

5.) Little League update and preparation- Got Roller, field prep delivered. Development league that was discussed at last meeting cancelled

6.) Reading walk layout complete- Ishmael White coordinated the walk through March 1 This will be installed in April Complete

7.) Ishmael White repaired the boat. Done

8.) Ishmael White will work on repairing damaged light at Manaugh. Hope to get to it in March

9.) Herbie Gross has not submitted an invoice for electrical work at Manaugh. Hollan to remind him. Glen Hallon was not present. We will remind him.

New Business

1.) The community youth group will be at the park on April 1st for a cleanup day. What do we want them to do? Paint, pick up limbs, clean up leaves along fence, paint Mini Golf pad. Anything Else. Added painting the speed bumps and cross walks.

2.) Broken window at concession stand- JD is working on it. IT is at Scottsburg Glass. Had to order one

3.) Need to buy some more putters and balls for mini golf. Hale move to allocate \$200.00, White Seconded, vote 3-1

4.) When do we open park, water bathrooms rental? Apparently this week. Need to determine who opens, cleans, and closes

5.) Has anyone been contacted about the Robbie Henson Event? No contact. Buchanan will follow up with Don Campbell.

Walk INS:

1.) River Hills Contract- voted to table until next meeting and have Melissa Woods attend to explain. Hale moved, Baker seconded, vote 4-0

2.) Survey results White picked it up today, bill was #2,325.00. In the January Meeting we voted to proceed with not to exceed \$3,000.00. Hale voted to pay, White Seconded. Vote 4-0. Buchanan will present to Clerk Treasurer tomorrow, 3/7/2023. Survey will be sent to appraiser.



3.) We anticipate starting work on the Disc golf and walking trail in April/May. Need to open either Rural or South Street for construction. This was discussed last fall Prefer South. City needs to move quickly.

4.) Asphalt roller for ball fields – Grover Stacy will loan us one- White to follow up on delivery

5.) Need to meet with Township Trustee and Board to determine their commitment to the parks department for this year. White will mark plan that reviewed in the fall and get on the agenda of their next meeting

Adjourn: 6:45 pm White made motion, Hale Seconded, vote 4-0

Kenny Baker *Kenneth Baker*

Freddie Hale *Freddie Hale*

Ishmael White *Ishmael White*

Glen Hollan *Glen Hollan*

JD Buchanan *JD Buchanan*