

The Hebron Park Board held its regularly scheduled meeting on September 14, 2023 at Assembly Hall / Community Center.

The meeting was called to order by President Linda at 7:04 pm.

Members in attendance: Linda Brebner, Don Ensign, Jacqueline Lipski, Dorothy Michalak, Cindy Ollom, John Spinks, Frank Stalbaum, and Jenny Wallace. Mary Jane Thomas of M.J. Thomas & Associates and Deb McKay also attended.

Five-Year Park Plan: A public hearing was held to review the first draft of the 5-year plan. Mary Jane showed the legal notice advertising for the public meeting. With 1700 possible new residents coming into Hebron in the new subdivisions, the anticipation is for growth.

The recent survey, to which 371 responded, showed youth wishing for a splash pad and adults split with half feeling the parks are in good shape while half felt the parks need work. Most agreed they felt safe in the parks and were unanimous in saying the parks are kept clean. Alyea Park was the most used. It was also a 50-50 split on creating a Parks Foundation.

Deb McKay of the community brought up the suggestion from the survey of having restrooms in the parks. She questioned who would clean and watch over and their safety and security. It was agreed by the board to take restrooms out of the top 10 wishes and replace it with pickleball courts.

At the October board meeting, we will go over the input, update the plan, prepare a resolution, and then send to the DNR.

The public hearing was closed at 8:08 pm.

Minutes of the August 10, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Don made a motion to approve the minutes; Jenny seconded, and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Account balances: \$2448.23 in maintenance and supplies, \$1230.52 in programs, \$3908.00 in equipment, and \$12,910.25

in the gift fund. Dorothy made a motion to approve the August treasurer's report; Jenny seconded, and the motion passed. Don made a motion to approve the invoices; Dorothy seconded, and it passed.

Old Business: The Fall Festival will be October 7th at Alyea Park from noon to 3 pm. Don made a NTE motion of \$200 for food and supplies from WalMart; Jenny seconded, and the motion passed. Anytime Fitness wants to hold a group workout at 9 am. It was discussed contacting Dale at Anytime to see if it could be later in the morning so people would also stay for the Fall Festival.

Installation of the plaques at the trees on Front Street was discussed.

It was agreed to purchase a 5'-6' blue spruce for \$554 from Hubinger's using the \$259 credit.

New Business: Don attended the Chamber meeting which included two members of the Porter County tourism board.

The town will pick up the cost of repairing, resealing, and re-striping the basketball / pickleball court at Alyea.

A letter was received from Lois Thurner requesting a bench installed at Alyea in memory of her husband Dave Thurner. We will meet with her to discuss type of bench.

The Christmas Park program will be December 2.

As there was no further business to come before the board, Don made a motion to adjourn; Dorothy seconded, and the motion passed. The meeting closed at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

By: Dorothy Michalak

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Recording Secretary

Approved

By: Linda Brebner

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President