

# WHITESTOWN



## Whitestown Parks Board Meeting April 28, 2016

**Grant R** calls the April 28, 2016 Parks Board Meeting to order at 6:31pm. **Roll Call:** Grant Rummel, Kathryn Obenchain, Sam Grubbs, Dawn Semmler, Council Rep. Susan Austin, Nathan Messer; Present. Presentation of Colors; **Pledge.**

### Election of Officers:

1. **Sam** nominated **Grant** to be Parks Board President, **Grant** 2<sup>nd</sup>; **Kathy** nominated **Dawn** to be President, **Dawn** 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote split 2-2, **Grant** and **Sam** voted for **Grant**, **Kathy** and **Dawn** voted for **Dawn**.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Approval of Minutes** – **Dawn** m/m to table minutes until next meeting to review the 2<sup>nd</sup> set presented, **Sam** 2<sup>nd</sup>; **4-0 in favor.**
2. **Public Request to Speak;** - none

### Department claims:

1. **Nathan** asked if anyone had any questions about the claims.
2. **Sam** asked if the asphalt plant was starting up again to get the trail worked on. **Nathan** said they were.
3. **Dawn** asked about the Trail regarding the RDC. **Nathan** said there are 3 change orders. He explained how the trail was being worked up and what additions were being made. **Nathan** said the remaining funds were coming to bring the total to **\$292,276**. This total is less than what the buffer and complete anticipated price would be.
4. **Nathan** suggests to pull out the part that paves an area and to keep it as gravel until plans are confirmed (by the sewer plant). Section 1246. **Dawn** asked if this interfered with the access road for the salt barn. **Nathan** said this would be discussed with Jason when he got back from vacation next week. **Dawn** asked if **Nathan** could keep the board informed so they didn't have to wait a month to approve of any changes while the company was in town. Susan said there would be a road back there, because it was promised to the farmers to be able to get access to their fields. **Dawn** m/m to leave the \$12,000 in and have **Grant** meet with **Nathan** about the trail as it moves forward. **Sam** 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Grant** called for vote, **4-0 in favor.**
5. **Susan** asked about the building on **Main St** and how they can get access and how parking space was taken away from businesses downtown. She has concerns about walker safety

- and people backing out on the trail parking. **Nathan** said the parking bumpers are 10 feet away from the southern property lines and they should be able to work around this concern.
6. **Nathan** talked about the drinking fountain and how it could be changed without additional cost. **Nathan** talked about how we could put a restroom at the trail head and put the fountain in at that time. The board agreed that idea sounded better than putting the fountain in initially.
  7. **Dawn** asked about if the American Legion could help with the trail, and if that would help the grant, but **Nathan** said the grant has issues with that because if the Legion ever changed hands, it could cause problems.

### **Brew Fest**

8. **Nathan** said they have added 30 vendors on the website (**Indiana on Tap**). **Nathan** will be trying to sell tickets. The same band will be back, we have more space with the parking lot. Sam asked if there will be buses. **Nathan** said that is an added cost this year, and has reached out to a few developers but doesn't have any solid answers about sponsors for the buses yet.
9. **Kathryn** asked if there will be any dignitaries at the event or any special bi-centennial special connections for the **Brew Fest**. She thinks there should be "something" bi-centennial should happen at this event. **Kathryn** just thinks since we have this celebration, we should try to have some sort of ceremony for the bi-centennial. **Nathan** talked about how maybe there could be something about how Boone Co. has impacted the State.
10. **Susan** suggested maybe having a special cup this year for the bi-cen. **Nathan** said he'd looked into beer steins, but they are expensive. **Kathryn** asked if we could have any history be focused on Whitestown instead of Boone Co.
11. **Grant** asked for any other questions...there were none.

### **Fireworks**

12. **Nathan** said he is looking into the schedule, because it is on a Sunday and there will be Church. There will be a band, food vendor, and play areas/bouncy houses for the kids.
13. There was discussion about popcorn and who would be providing it.
14. **Sam** asked how many people we had at **Star Wars**, **Nathan** estimated there were 180 people there, and there was more popcorn dispensed at that movie night than all of last year. **Nathan** talked about how the **501<sup>st</sup>** were a great addition and we very well received by the town.

### **5k Series**

15. The first one is May 14<sup>th</sup>. **Nathan** said after the 5k is done in Walker Park, there will be a clean-up day there, with hotdogs, chips, for the people working.
16. June 11<sup>th</sup> will be the first day for the **Farmers Market**.
17. **L.A. Café** is going to be a sponsor for the **3<sup>rd</sup> 5k**.
18. **Dawn** asked when the last one would be, **Nathan** said probably Sept. The 2<sup>nd</sup> in July most likely. **Nathan** said the Veterinarian coming in just north of the Municipal Complex was going to do a free "chip" day, to get your pets micro-chipped. They want to do the event with the **Farmers Market**.

19. **Grant** asked if there were any presentations.

### **Unfinished business**

20. The previous candidate got a job offer and therefore won't be available the **Farmers Market**. **Dax N** and **Nathan** sound like they will probably handle the **Farmers Market**, and **Chuck W** could rotate in as needed.
21. There are 11 vendors who are available all year, and there are several who have committed, but won't commit to every event.
22. **Dawn** asked about home based vendors. **Nathan** said they are allowed, there are rules for them.
23. **Nathan** said local restaurants could use the produce to make food on site, but it would be limited.

### **New Business**

24. **Nathan** talked about the naming of the trail, and the "Friends of Boone Co." have asked us to change our name to the Big 4 Trail, like Lebanon did – after they approached Lebanon. Lebanon, Zionsville, and Thorntown have all agreed to change the name of the trail as the "Friends of Boone Co." asked.
25. The FoBC provided proofs of the signs from Signworks.
26. **Kathryn** said the FoBC said they need to officially approach us and tell us about why they would like to change the name, etc.
27. Two citizens commented about the logo and name, and how it made more sense to them.
28. **Dawn** said we like the idea, but would like to see some different art. **Susan** said every sign should say **Whitestown**.
29. **Nathan** talked about the current property lines around the trail and parking lots. He said they could reset the bumpers closer to the property lines to give more room.
30. A temporary fix would be to re-gravel the lot for now and eliminate the first parking since people are blocking entrances to shops.
31. **Dawn** talked about how parking is difficult downtown.
32. **Nathan** said there needs to be drainage and that could help with the trail as well.
33. **Nathan** said the **Legion** would like to put up a wall honoring the military near the section of the trail by the **Legion**.
34. **Nathan** asked for the board's blessing to do the short term fix. **Dawn** talked about how that made sense. **Dawn m/m** to authorize **Nathan** to move the bumpers and put down gravel next to the sewing shop. **Grant 2<sup>nd</sup>**. **4-0 in favor**.
35. **Nathan** and **Dawn** talked about a mosquito fogger for the trail to help with any bug problems on the trail over the summer. **Josh** from **Utilities** is certified to be able to use the fogger, if we choose to get one.
36. **Dawn** asked if **Global** did the work or if it was subbed out, **Nathan** said **Globe** did all of the work but subbed the concrete out.
37. **Kathryn m/m** to dispose of the wagon to Ray's, **Grant 2<sup>nd</sup>**. **4-0 in favor**.
38. **Kathryn m/m** to close meeting at **7:45**, **Sam 2<sup>nd</sup>**. **4-0 in favor**.

The minutes from the Parks Board Meeting on March 31, 2016 are approved on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016 by the following Parks Board Members:

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Grant Rummel

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Kathryn Obenchain

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Sam Grubbs

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Dawn Semmler

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Susan Austin

Attest:

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Matthew Sumner, Clerk-Treasurer