

WHITESTOWN



Whitestown Parks Board Meeting March 31, 2016

Grant R calls the March 31, 2016 Parks Board Meeting to order at 6:33pm. **Roll Call:** Grant Rummel, Kathryn Obenchain, Sam Grubbs, Dawn Semmler, Council Rep. Susan Austin; Present. Dax N standing in for Nathan M. Presentation of Colors; **Pledge.**

Election of Officers:

1. **Sam G** nominated **Grant R** to be Parks Board President, **Kathy O** 2nded; **Kathy O** nominated voted **Dawn S** to be President, **Dawn S** 2nded. Vote split 2-2, **Grant** and **Sam** voted for **Grant**, **Kathy** and **Dawn** voted for **Dawn**.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Approval of Minutes** – 3-0 vote to approve. **Dawn** abstained.
2. **Public Request to Speak;**
 - a. **Johnathan Sims from Ringtail Circle (Eagles Nest)** – asked to speak and wanted to know more about the Parks Comprehensive Plan. He wanted to know about if grants were being submitted, if they're rolling, and if the public can help.
 - b. **Dax N** talked about the trail and the current grant situation (we are probably too prosperous to get approved for many at the time).
 - c. **Dax N** explained that one issue we have is the ability to buy ground, as it is becoming increasingly expensive as our community grows and is more desirable, but a Park is being looked into around the Eagle's Nest area.
 - d. **Mr. Sims** asked if a petition from the town to businesses to donate land for a park would be a worthwhile endeavor. **Dax** said it generally isn't, as the businesses tend to be very generous with donating land, and have been doing that already.
 - e. **Dawn** gave some history of some parks and **Dax** about a few land records.
 - f. **Kathy** also brought up the part about **Mr. Sims'** question regarding the petition, asking **Dax** if there are options the Parks Board could do to get the public more involved. **Dax** said he is hoping to get a commission to help with that. **Dax** mentioned that **Tanya S** does a very good job of getting the word out about these projects on social media.
 - g. **Mike Hancock** asked about Lebanon renaming their part of the trail. He said they have a new logo for it and posted it on Twitter this afternoon. **Dax** said this was done without any input from Whitestown. As far as he knows, this was done unilaterally. He is not sure what should be done...it is labeled on maps as the Heritage Trail already.

- h. **Sam** asked if Lebanon's plan was remaining the same.
- i. **Grant** asked if there were any presentations. There were none.

Unfinished Business:

1. Brewfest contract. **Dawn** asked what the total profit was, it was answered by **Dax** as being approx. \$4-5k. **Dax** said there are a few changes, stating there will be more breweries and there is good momentum going into this right now. The contract is for 3 years, **Dax** has accepted the revisions **Nathan** sent him. **Steve Unger** said the contract better clarifies the pay which was asked for previously.
2. **Dawn motioned** to have the contract signed, **Grant 2nded**. **Vote 4-0 to sign**.
3. Business of market master being discussed. **Dax** mentioned his suggestion to **Nathan** was for the position to be posted until early May to get the college grads. **Kathy** suggested having it at the end of April to coincide with the April board meeting. **Dax** thought that would be a good idea.
4. Board members suggested the resumes come to them, after **Dawn** asked about how the last market master was hired; it was clarified by **Kathy** it was not a board decision.
5. **Kathy** and **Dawn** both thought one resume was very strong. **Dax** suggested reaching out to that person and consider a special meeting if needed.
6. **Kathy** asked if any special direction needed to be given to **Nathan** to extend this for another month.
7. **Kathy** asked to tell **Nathan** to extend the job posting and try to have an answer or come to a resolution on the candidate for the April meeting. **Kathy** suggested the candidate to be given the job as **Larisa Pavlov**. **Dawn 2nded and Sam concurred**.
8. **Dax** then brought up the Farm Heritage Trail. **Dax** said it is estimated finish work will happen around April 15th. **Dax** is going to talk to the Redevelopment Commission about funding parking for the trail. 20-45 parking spots depending on the funding.
9. 20 parking spots is about \$15k.
10. **Dax** talked about how the Easter event was WAY beyond their expectations.
11. **Dax** then talked about the upcoming movie night, giving a general overview.
12. **Grant** asked for other business. **Dawn made a motion to adjourn**. **Sam** was the first to 2nd, **all voted in favor 4-0**. **Adjournment happened at 7:18pm**.

The minutes from the Parks Board Meeting on March 31, 2016 are approved on the 28th day of April, 2016 by the following Parks Board Members:

Grant Rummel

Kathryn Obenchain

Sam Grubbs

Dawn Semmler

Susan Austin

Attest:

Matthew Sumner, Clerk-Treasurer