

Seymour Parks & Recreation Department
Board Minutes
January 8, 2024 at 4 pm

Seymour Parks & Recreation Board met at Seymour City Hall on Monday, January 8, at 4 p.m. Members in attendance were Monica Riley, Kendra Zumhingst, Tim Ferret, and Art Juergens. Members of the Parks Department present were Chad Keithley, Tracey Cole, Kerry Bevers, and Allycen Wheeler. Also in attendance were Mayor Matthew Nicholson, Jane Hays, Brad & Kristy Nolan. From the Tribune, Zach Spicer attended.

Monica called the meeting to order. A motion to approve the December minutes was made by Kendra and seconded by Art. Motion carried. A motion to approve December claims was made by Kendra and seconded by Art. Motion carried.

Kendra made a motion to approve both the 2211 and 2503-9 December balances. Tim seconded the motion. Motion carried for approval of both funds.

Kendra nominated Monica to remain President of the Parks and Recreation Board for 2024, Monica accepted. Kendra nominated Tim for Vice President of the Parks and Recreation Board for 2024, Tim accepted. All Parks Board members agreed on the 2024 President and Vice President nominations.

Updates:

- Chad discussed B & C Electric LLC quotes for the lighting at the parks. He said that if we approve the quotes now as a three year plan there will be a discount on the light fixtures. After careful discussion with the Park Board, Chad asked for approval on the B & C Electric LLC three year plan. Art made a motion to approve funding from 2211 and 2503-9 accounts, with the Park Board president and Park Director investigating possible grant funds, and agreed to the three year plan with B & C LLC. Tim seconded. Motion carried.
- Chad shared that almost all playgrounds are installed, Kasting is in the final stages of installation. The pour and play installation will be later in the year due to weather and temperatures.
- Chad explained we are waiting on final translation issues we had from ARA with the 5310 Grant. ARA has been working with us to get this grant finalized; hopefully by the end of this week we will have everything in line and be able to send it back to INDOT.
- Chad discussed John Reinhart had reached out to him about the Gaiser Park Veterans Memorial. John is wanting the Parks and Recreation Department to take over all responsibilities of the Veterans Memorial. Chad stated we handle all maintenance at this time, but we would have to take on the responsibility of the brick purchases. John is writing a proposal and presenting to Chad soon.

Park Incidents:

- None

Program/Leagues Update:

- Singles Night - This event will take place on January 26, 2024, from 6 - 7 p.m. at the Seymour Community Center. The cost of the event will be \$5 per person, with snacks and drinks will be provided.
- Candle Making Workshop - This event will take place on February 3, 2024, from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Seymour Community Center. The cost for this event is \$40 per person, which includes candle, food, dessert, and drinks.
- Senior Prom - This event will take place on February 23, 2024, from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the Seymour Community Center. Tickets are \$15 per person, with food, sweet treats, and drinks will be served.
- Spring Soccer - Registration will begin on January 16, 2024

Reservation Requests:

- Becky Schepman with 96.3 WJAA has requested to reserve Crossroads Park on August 8, 2024, for the whole day. She has submitted the rental agreement and COI for the event. Kendra motioned to approve the reservation. Tim seconded. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Business:

- Freedom Fireworks has requested an opportunity to provide the Christmas fireworks display for the Parks and Recreation Department this year. They have their insurance in order and have given an estimated amount of \$4000 for the show. Kendra made a motion to allow Freedom Fireworks to provide the Christmas fireworks display for the Parks and Recreation Department in the amount of \$4000. Art seconded. Motion carried.

Kendra made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tim seconded. Motion carried.
The next Parks Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 12, at 4 p.m.