

COLUMBIA CITY PARK BOARD MINUTES JULY 27, 2009

The Columbia City Park Board met in regular session with the following **members**

present: Secretary Dennis Warnick
Kelley Sheiss
Vice President Mark Ellis

Those absent: President Michael Malcolm
Mauri Bordner

After reviewing the **May 5, 2009 Park Board minutes**, Secretary Warnick made a motion, which is seconded by Sheiss, to **approve** the minutes as distributed. On call of the vote, all voted aye. As there were audio difficulties, there is no record of the June minutes.

Park Superintendent Mark Green informed the Board a few years ago he received four different bids from Nibloc for two different widths for crushed stone and two different bids for asphalt, to **extend the Blue River Trail** from where it ends at the pond to Cider Mill Road. These bids ranged from \$50,000 - \$130,000. Superintendent Green explained that the Mayor and himself met with Nibloc on the next phase which would be over the bridge and to DeMoney Grimes and discussed the front of the park. The bids should be ready by next week and once they are received, the Mayor is requesting that the Park Board view a crushed stone trail in person. There is one in Goshen that is twenty-five miles long. Mark Green stated there should be some areas of the trail that should be paved.

Mark stated the pool activity has been low due to the cooler weather. The Board suggested they advertise having pool parties before school starts again.

Park Superintendent Mark Green informed the Board that they have only done 4th, 5th and 6th grade **football** and this year they are adding 2nd and 3rd grade. They are encouraging drills and fundamentals and not so much playing games for the 2nd and 3rd grades.

Superintendent Green informed the Board due to the high volume of activity in the park now; **the bathroom facilities are not adequate**. When there is a large crowd anticipated in the park, they are bringing in port-a-pots. Mark had checked on the cost of a new larger bathroom facility. Mark also investigated the amount of funds spent over the last five years on maintenance for the current facility and that was over \$24,000.00. The park had two pumps for the sewage, but one of them was sent out for repair, and it is beyond repair. The second pump they are currently using, has been giving them trouble. They simply are not big enough. Some discussion developed and the Mayor requested the Board to think of any additional enclosed buildings to tie in with this, as it would be less expensive to build. Some discussion developed.

Mayor Fleck encouraged the Board to have a **strategic planning day**. He mentioned everything that they have already discussed at this meeting, could be singled out or worked in with other projects for the future, and they would better understand where and how they can utilize grants that are now or will be available in the near future. The Mayor went on to inform the Board; their budget will be reduced in the next few years due to the economic situation. Discussion followed.

Mark Green informed the Board a professional athlete produced a DVD and will be speaking at the Columbia City High School on August 24th on how to raise a child as an athlete.

Mark informed the Board they are **replacing the dugouts on Field One** and the girl's varsity softball team is paying for half of the project. They will be a little bigger and deeper than they are now and the project is expected to be around \$4,000.

Superintendent Green informed the Board they are doing a lot of testing for chlorine levels of the water for the splash pad.

As all matters were discussed, the Board adjourned on the motion of Secretary Warnick with the second of Sheiss, with all voting aye.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Martha Acres, Administrative Secretary.

Dennis Warnick
Park Board Secretary