

**Chesterton Park Department
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 5th, 2016**

Those in Attendance: President Vincent Emanuele, Secretary Jim Crawford, Member Mark Dickinson, Member Paul Shinn, Superintendent Bruce Mathias, Admin Assist Hilary Thomas-Peterson, Liaison Nate Cobbs

Vincent Emanuele called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and led the assemblage with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Vince called for a re-organizatin of the Park Board.

Jim Crawford nominates Vince Emanuele as President, Seconded by Mark Dickinson. Mark Dickinson nominates Jim Crawford for Vice-President, seconded by Paul Shinn. Paul Shinn nominates Mark Dickinson for Secretary, seconded by Jim Crawford. All motions accepted and passed, re-organization approved.

President – Vincent Emanuele
Vice-President – Jim Crawford
Secretary – Mark Dickinson
Member – Paul Shinn

Vince welcomed Nate Cobbs to the meeting as the new Park Liaison.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve December minutes was made by Jim Crawford. Seconded by Mark Dickinson. Motion passed; December minutes approved.

Comments from the Public

Maura Durham, Duneland Chamber of Commerce President. Thanked the Board and Bruce for all work and help, and announced that the Town of Chesterton will be it's member of the month for December, and thanked the rest of the town depts. Invited them to their annual meeting Jan 27th at the Blue Chip. Working on bringing an annual winter event. Contract in works for beer and wine festival slated for March 19th. Going to Town Council for approval as well. As per discussion.

Superintendent Report

Bruce has been on vacation for most of December. Taking down all Christmas decoration in Thomas Park, now working on bonds. Purchased a new snow blower for the bobcat.

Vince read a letter from the Duneland Soccer Club, thanking the board for the use of the soccer fields. They will start their new season April 2nd to June 12th with games on Saturdays and Sundays. Donated a check for \$1000.00.

A motion to accept the \$1000.00 donations from the Duneland Soccer Club was made by Jim Crawford. Seconded by Mark Dickinson. Motion passed; donation accepted.

Comments from the Board

Paul inquired about the Soccer Club. As per discussion.

A motion to continue to allow Duneland Soccer Club exclusive use of the soccer fields was made by Mark Dickinson. Seconded by Jim Crawford. Motion passed.

Vince recognized Mike Billings for all his work done at decorating Thomas Park.

Mark addressed the new members, Paul and Nate on what he would like to see the Board do in the future. As per discussion. Bonds, 5 year plan, public participation discussed at length. Park impact fees also discussed.

Approval of Claims

A motion to approve January claims was made by Mark Dickinson. Seconded by Jim Crawford. Motion passed; January claims approved.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Paul Shinn. Seconded by Jim Crawford. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm.