

Chesterton Park Department
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 4th, 2022

Those in Attendance: President Paul Shinn, Vice President Bob Cohn, Secretary Bruce Mathias, Member Wendy Marciniak, Park Superintendent Tyler McLead, Town Engineer Mark O'Dell, Liaison Jennifer Fisher, Town Manager David Cincoski, Town Attorney Connor Nolan, Administrator Hilary Thomas-Peterson

Paul Shinn called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the assemblage with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Paul Shinn called Roll – Wendy Marciniak, Bruce Mathias, Bob Cohn – all present.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve April minutes was made by Bruce Mathias. Seconded by Wendy Marciniak. Motion passed. April minutes approved.

Comments from the Public

Jim Martin – addressed the tennis courts in Chesterton Park and the patch work that was done in the cracks, was filled with a tar substance and poses a tripping hazard, provided pictures to the Board.

Mark Hopkins – Rebuilding Together was a success in Coffee Creek Park, boardwalk was fixed. Thanked Rebuilding Together for their help. Looking to address the southern end of the hill by Louis Lane in the future.

Lori Laster – Thanked the board for progress on possible future pickleball courts.

Superintendent/Engineer Report

Tyler thanked the board, has been settling in and meeting employees. Also thanked Bruce for all the help.

Mark O'Dell addressed the tennis courts and spoke with the street dept and are addressing the issue with the contractor. Plans are done for pickleball courts. Will be accepting and opening bids on June 7th. Will have a price for four, with two additional as an alternate.

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION FOR DICKINSON ROAD.

Looking for a grant of federal funds.

Jim Martin asked about the federal funds available and if they are utilized for a specific use. Dave Cincoski answered that it would be for only that particular park. Conner reiterated that statement.

John Schnadenburg would like to see it be made into a dog park. There is a need for it, all other surrounding communities have dog parks.

Elaine Schuster – would also like to see it made into a dog park.

Courtney Udvare – has dogs and would like to see a dog park go in at Dickinson Rd. Indiana is one of the top states for dog ownership. As per discussion.

Hilary Thomas-Peterson – would like to see a dog park be put in, as Park Administrator for 15 years, she gets calls every year from residents wanting a dog park in Chesterton, and as a dog owner herself, it would be nice to take them to be socialized.

Craig Jones – Lives on Dickinson across from the new park and would like the town to clean up the creek and put in walks. As per discussion.

Dave Cincoski also stated that there were several comments on the Town facebook page for the Dickinson Rd. Read several comments, as per discussion.

Cara – works for museum of Science and Industry, touched on the drainage and environment, would like to see the board bring in students for educational purposes,

Comments from the Board

Wendy thanked Rebuilding Together for Coffee Creek and welcomed Tyler to the Town.

Bob thanked Rebuilding Together, Kiwanis, Mark Hopkins and Rotary. Also thanked Bruce for stepping in and welcomed Tyler.

Paul inquired about the car show. Hilary informed him that Brad Pikula turned in the Special Use Permit and is all set for the for Saturday in May.

A motion to extend Bruce Mathias employment for one month was made by Bob Cohn. Seconded by Wendy Marciniak. Motion passed.

Approval of Claims

A motion to approve May claims was made by Wendy Marciniak. Seconded by Bob Cohn. Motion passed. May claims approved.

Connor Nolan addressed the Chamber agreements for upcoming festivals. Corkscrew and Brew.

A motion to approve the new agreements was made by Wendy Marciniak. Seconded by Bob Cohn.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Wendy Marciniak. Seconded by Bob Cohn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

President Paul Shinn

Date