President Wahlig called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Attending were President Wahlig, Vice President Selman, Members Poor, and Adams. Absent, member Carpenter. Also attending Superintendent Hanna, Asst, Superintendent Bobby Allshouse and Event Coordinator Tabitha Griva.

The minutes of the December 7th, 2022, meeting was approved with a motion by member Adams and seconded by member Poor. All were in favor.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Tree Memorial Program- Supt. Hanna asked the board if they again had any thoughts or ideas on the Tree Memorial. Supt. Hanna said he did find a folder with the original plan. Supt. Hanna mentioned to the board that he could reach out and get more information regarding the original plan. Supt. Hanna said he thought the original pavilion idea and doing engraving would be the best option compared to the bricks and the maintenance of taking care of them. President Wahlig stated unless the bricks were protected in some way, she also wouldn't see the idea work. President Wahlig stated she would like to see the memorial program to continue even if it didn't involve planting trees, but the program itself.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Election of Officers- Member Poor made a motion to maintain the officers as they are. Member Adams seconded the motion.

Open Bids for Maintenance Shop Addition- Supt. Hanna reported Bobby had contacted several companies with no response. Hanna said we solicited three companies and received one bid back from E and L Metal Sales in Lagrange County. Supt Hanna reported this company produces their own metal and have contractors come in. Hanna opened the unsealed bid from E and L Metal sales, for just the shell at \$44, 258.69. Allshouse mentioned this included a 40x50x14 building with two garage doors, a service door, insulation, and a steel roof. Member Poor asked about the flooring. Hanna responded the flooring is separate, he was over the \$50,000. Vice President Selman asked if they have given a timeline when they are able to do the project. Allshouse responded the last time he had talked with E and L Metal Sales they were booked out until April. President Wahlig asked if the bid included everything they would be doing. Hanna responded that it does lists everything they would be doing minus the shingles. Allshouse mentioned the quote does include the labor to put the shingles on. Hanna reported he had budgeted \$100,000 for what the D and L Metal Sales would not be doing, and mentioned we are saving money this way then having another company come in and do it all. Vice President Selman made a motion to accept the bid. Member Adams seconded the motion. All in Favor.

Event Schedule- Griva asked the board if they were all able to look over the Event Schedule from last meeting. Griva mentioned there has been a couple changes since then, Fort Wayne ballet would like us to be added again for their Firefly Tour. Griva stated she would email everyone the updated Event Schedule and asked if she could get their approval by sometime next week to release it. Hanna stated the city is in the process of hiring for a new position for the downtown events. Hanna said we are working with them to help cross promote each other's events and believes it will help overall marketing for everybody.

## OTHER BUSINESS-

Winter Projects Updates- Allshouse reported to the board the floors have been started over in Commons Hall and the break room in the park office. Allshouse also reported the pines at the Timber Frame have been trimmed. He stated he knew it has been talked about putting mulch down now is second thinking that idea. Hanna stated there is now a double gate at the dog park now. A gentleman contacted the office wanting to donate toward the double gate after

it was finished. Hanna stated we will be putting concrete at the entry way and talked with the water department in regard to a water line at the dog park.

5 Year Master Plan- Hanna reported our next five-year master plan is due in April of 2024. Matt mentioned he would like to utilize this year's events with getting feedback and seeing how the surveying could be done. Hanna asked the board if they wanted think start thinking of any questions, they would like to hear feedback from to please let him know.

No further business, Meeting adjourns 10:33 am.

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Matt Hanna, Secretary