

October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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

The minutes of the September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 were approved with corrections made with a motion by Vice President Selman and seconded by member Poor. All were in favor.

#### OLD BUSINESS

**American History Fest-** Allshouse reported this year went very well. He said he had less contact from them throughout the weekend than in the past. Allshouse mentioned he also thought it helped he was able to speak in person to a few who ran the event about respecting the property. Allshouse mentioned as far as reenactors, numbers were way down compared to past years. He said the Education Day appeared to go very well, seeing a variety of schools from all over attending. Allshouse said that they mentioned next year making it just a Friday and Saturday event. He said they did return the next day to help clean up anything that was left behind.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Fort Wayne Ballet** -Griva mentioned the make-up date from the Firefly Tour is this Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 6PM in the Community Center Auditorium. Griva said she has been in contact with Steuben County Commissioner Andy Laughlin and partnering with us for the use of their auditorium. They were very happy to do so.

**Halloween Fun-** Griva mentioned she has been working on getting volunteers for the event. She said this has been her toughest year not getting any responses back but from a few groups. She mentioned a small group from Trine, high school senior cheerleaders and a few others. Vice President Selman asked if the Trine Football team will be coming. Griva responded yes, they plan to come and hang all our lights. Griva asked the board if they had any requests before the event. Hanna asked with the continuous line last year, what was holding them up at the entrance. Griva explained that as they come in, any child 10 and younger in costume receives a free glow stick. Hanna asked if there was any way we could do something about not having the line so long. Griva suggested not having a welcome table and putting the glowsticks in the refreshment area. President Wahlig said she thought that would be a great idea. Griva mentioned she will be holding another costume contest this year, she has been collecting donations from local businesses to put together winner baskets. President Selman asked what time Griva would like anyone there to start decorating. Griva answered noon so we were not getting in the football teams' way of hanging lights. Griva asked if there was a backup plan if the weather was bad. Hanna responded we would use Friday as a rain date.

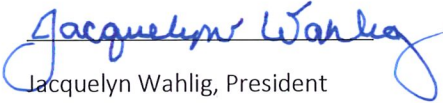
**Winter Events-** Griva mentioned she has a couple winter events planned to end the year. She said the annual Sled Workshop with Northeast Indiana Woodworkers will take place Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> & Parents Night out will take place December 8<sup>th</sup>. Griva mentioned she has been in contact with a couple Yoga instructors looking forward to hosting winter indoor yoga as well. President Wahlig asked during the month of January and February if we had anything going on. Griva replied that we will be having the indoor yoga and was also going to be going through the 5-year Master Plan survey to investigate some options of what the community is asking for. Griva stated that a Pilates instructor was interested in having a few classes a month in the park this winter. Griva said she has attached a rough draft of 2024 scheduled events along with some new event ideas. She asked the board when they could get a chance to review them and at the next park board meeting discuss any new events we could possibly add. Griva asked their thoughts with the Hubie concert being the first Friday of June, when we typically hold Pig Out in the Park if we wanted to change the date of Pig Out in the Park. Hanna responded that he thought it would be fine to hold Pig Out in the Park the same day as Hubie. It is great advertisement just before the concert.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

**5-Year Master Plan-** Hanna reported 864 responses came in from the survey. We did beat the 849 surveys from the last Master Plan. Hanna explained he has been working on the first draft ready for submission that is due Nov 15<sup>th</sup>. Hanna said he hopes to get a copy of the first draft out to the board before the November 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. He said he

would hope for everyone to review the draft so the board can accept the first draft for submission. Hanna mentioned overall he thought we had great results that came back. Matt said this Friday we will be giving away the cooler. Matt stated the one comment from the public that stood out to him at a higher percent rate was people wanting more security throughout the parks. Hanna said the State statute says Angola parks and Recreation is responsible for providing security and policing in the park system. Hanna said he would like to look into finding a solution for this in the future.

No further business, Meeting adjourns 10:46am.

  
Jacquelyn Wahlig, President

  
Matt Hanna, Secretary