

**Chesterton Park Department
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 6th, 2015**

Those in Attendance: President Vincent Emanuele, Vice President John Kroft, Secretary Jim Crawford, Member Mark Dickinson, Liaison Sharon Darnel, Park Superintendent Bruce Mathias, Administrator Hilary Thomas-Peterson

Vincent Emanuele called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm and led the assemblage with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Vince called for a restructuring of the Park Board.

A motion to keep the Board as is was made by Jim Crawford. Seconded by Mark Dickinson.

Motion passed. Board to be as follows;

Vincent Emanuele as President

John Kroft as Vice President

Jim Crawford as Secretary

Mark Dickinson as member

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve December minutes was made by John Kroft. Seconded by Jim Crawford.

Motion passed; December minutes approved.

Correspondence

Two donations came into the office; \$100 from Robert & Becky Dunbar. \$200 from David Milosevich. Hilary to send out thank you letters.

A motion to accept the \$100 donation from Robert & Becky Dunbar was made by Mark Dickinson. Seconded by John Kroft. Motion passed; check accepted.

A motion to accept the \$200 donation from David Milosevich was made by John Kroft. Seconded by Mark Dickinson. Motion passed; check accepted.

Comments from the Public

Dan Amling of Duneland Diamonds. Informed the Board of progress and work on the 5th & Porter baseball field. 5 teams in their summer and fall leagues, and 2 adult leagues. Over 70 games played. Won leagues and tournaments. All star team finished 3rd at state tournament. Completed the dugouts, added benches, bat rack, cubbies, matting, majority paid for by the Rotary Club. Replaced backstop lower fencing. Plumbing has been put in place, have water to the field, drinking fountain to be put in and hydrant installed. Removed old planter. Did some

landscaping. Great Oaks nursery donated trees, maples and oaks. Put in new bases and safety equipment. Plans for 2015 are to build new planter. Received another grant from Rotary. Remove old asphalt at the backstop, replace with brick pavers. Boy scouts helping with projects. Fence to enclose the field. Hope to get drinking fountain installed, and more landscaping done. Whole backstop needs to be replaced with possible future funds. As per discussion. New bleachers and a shelter with bathroom. Formally requested primary use of the fields for 2015. Possible fall league to be run through parks. As per discussion.

A motion to allow Duneland Diamonds primary use of 5th & Porter baseball field was made by John Kroft. Seconded by Mark Dickinson. Motion passed.

Superintendent Report

Bruce was on vacation for most of December. Mike working on equipment. Dollar amounts from Lehman, spoke to Mark, waiting on letter. Will call with actual dollar amount. Checking in with legal. (No board meetings for February or March due to lack of quorum. Hilary to do claims, and get approval from Board via phone/email.)

Comments from the Board

Mark questioned if anyone was using the sledding hill at Coffee Creek. As per discussion. Santa house to hopefully to be moved out of Thomas park this week along with xmas decorations, weather a factor. Vince commends Bruce, Mike, and Jim for all their hard work.

Approval of Claims

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

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mark Dickinson. Seconded by Jim Crawford. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm.

President Vincent Emanuele

Date