

Tippecanoe County Park and Recreation Board
Minutes of December 4, 2019
County Office Building – Grand Prairie Room
20 N. Third Street
Lafayette, IN 47901

Present: Board members John Gambs, Scott Rumble, Denny Mellon, Esther Chosnek, Opal Kuhl, and Karen Mitchell. Also in attendance were staff members Mary Barrett, Randy Lower, Adam Libbers, Allen Nail and County Council member Bryan Metzger.

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m. by John Gambs.

October minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by Denny Mellon and a second by Scott Rumble.

Claims were reviewed and unanimously approved on a motion by Esther Chosnek and a second by Denny Mellon.

Old Business:

BNA Update: A VS engineering environmental engineer will visit BNA next week and VS plans to begin a topographic survey for the proposed trail route during the week of December 16. This data is needed in order to apply for round 3 of the Next Level Trails grant. In an effort to reduce costs, Allen will attempt to obtain the easements documents for the property. There is record of up to 15 easement documents that date back to 1953. Allen has a meeting on the 11th with a representative from Duke Energy. Duke may be a source of matching funds if BNA is awarded the grant.

North Ninth Street Property: Allen has tried several times to contact the owner of the N 9th street property but has not been successful. A letter was returned as undeliverable by the postal service and there has been no response to notes left on the door of the home or to phone messages.

New Business:

- **2019 Budget Report:** The Board reviewed the November budget. There were no questions or concerns. Allen will request council approval to transfer funds between series in order to complete a furnace replacement, purchase a trailer for the Wabash Heritage Trail, and begin the initial engineering work at BNA. Some 2019 funds will also be encumbered into the 2020 budget in order to complete projects when the weather is warmer.

- **Superintendent's Report:**

- Allen notified the Board that he will request changes to primitive camping for 2020. Discussion will take place at the next Board meeting and a deputy sheriff will also attend in order to provide input.
- The January meeting will be moved to 1-8-2020 as the usual meeting date falls on New Year's Day.
- Niches Land Trust reached out to Allen to consider allowing canoers to camp on the Park Board owned islands. The Board briefly discussed liability issues as well as the demand on Park Board resources if camping was approved. There is no action necessary at this time as there is no proposal.

Miscellaneous: Scott Freeman, organizer of the Ouibache Music Festival, familiarized the Board with the origins of the weekend festival as well as future plans. The event is held at the Amphitheater in September and celebrates a wide genre of music. Scott thanked Park Board staff for their assistance and support in making it a successful event.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:37 PM.

Minutes compiled by Mary Barrett.

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Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 3:00 PM

Park Board Office

4449 State Road 43 North

West Lafayette, IN 47906

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| I. | Call to Order | John Gambs |
| II. | Approval of December 2019 Minutes | J. Gambs/Board |
| III. | Election of 2020 Officers | J. Gambs/Board |
| IV. | Review of Claims | J. Gambs/Board |
| V. | Appointments to Park Foundation Board | J. Gambs/Board |
| VI. | Old Business | |
| | VS Engineering Update | Mike Peterson/Allen Nail |
| | 2019 Budget Report | Mary Barrett/Allen Nail |
| | 2019 Review | Allen Nail/Randy Lower |
| VII. | New Business | |
| | Fees, Charges, Policies & Rates for 2020 | J. Gambs/Board |
| | 2020 Budget Report | Mary Barrett |
| | Superintendent's Report | Nail |
| VIII. | Miscellaneous | |
| | Other Business | J. Gambs/Board |
| IX. | Adjournment | |