



# Kendallville Park and Recreation Department

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## KENDALLVILLE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 12, 2021

6:30PM

Present: Kevin Jansen, President; Dave Button; Dennis Nartker; Tracey Tipton, Sam Zollman, Dawn McGahen, Park Director. Also, present Diane Peachy, Skatepark Advocate, Steve Donovan and Bob Crosby.

Public Comments: None were given.

Minutes of the June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting were approved as presented. (Tipton, Zollman)

Claims were reviewed and approved as presented. (Button, Nartker)

Diane Peachy told the board that she would be going to the planning commission meeting following park board regarding the rezoning of Sunset Park. Once that is approved, she will follow-up with the contractor and continue with the next steps to move the project forward.

### Directors Report: Highlights

1. There was a campground inspection done and four minor violations were found. We have fixed them and are working on ways to improve in these areas.
2. 21 Repeaters Club spent the weekend in the campground and had to deal with high winds and bad weather during their event.
3. Patriotic Pops went very well. Park employees helped with setup and clean-up working Saturday, Sunday and Monday.
4. The Facilities Manager position was posted internally.
5. There was a meeting with the Mayor and Casey Weimer regarding the Park Department and YMCA collaboration. It was decided that it was important for a collaboration to continue but it would change to lessen the work load.
6. The budget meetings are scheduled for the first week of August, so work on that has begun.
7. There was discussion on fundraising for Phase II endowment and the need to start soon.
8. The board was asked to help with a contract and guidelines for the use of the mobile stage.

Vacation Extension for Susan Crosby for 21.5 hours. (Nartker, Zollman)

### Maintenance Report: Highlights

1. Continued spraying of herbicide, approximately 50 gallons total.
2. Purchased and painted 10 new trash barrels.
3. Cleaned up branches from storm damage also lost a small tree in the campground and a large tree split below the library.
4. Repaired split rail fence again. Took out the one at the west beach parking area and replaced it with



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large boulders.

5. Cleaned up around Veteran's Memorial.
6. Spread 100 cubic yards of wood carpet at the playgrounds. The Street Department helped with this.
7. Continued to grade parking lots, campground roads and groom the beaches.
8. Installed back-flow preventers in 2 pavilions and replaced GFI receptacles at pavilions.
9. Cleared overgrown vegetation around fishing pier and boat launch.
10. Cleared a badly plugged sink and drain in the west beach bathroom.
11. Cleaned up and widened areas in the nature trails that had overgrowth.
12. Installed ropes in the swimming areas.
13. General string trimming and assisted the Street Department with string trimming at the cemetery.

Kendallville Outdoor Recreation Complex Update: Local recreational league play has finished. There are still travel teams, all star teams and tournaments being held.

Recreation Update:

1. Summer daycamp is going very well. There are several campers and we have a waiting list for others to join.
2. The local pickleball enthusiasts are trying to figure out a way to build additional courts that would allow for tournaments to be held.
3. We hosted The Winter Sisters the end of June and had about 100 children attended and get to have a meet and greet with Anna and Elsa.
4. There are two upcoming concerts on the west terraces: Lydia Tremaine and Jordan Bridges will be performing on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:00PM and Autumn Grey will perform on July 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:00PM.

Acceptance of Donations: None presented

Board Input: Tracey Tipton inquired about ownership of the property near Noble Trails on Riley Road.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12PM