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City of Westfield
Parks and Recreation Department
Commission Meeting
July 18, 2016

Commissioners Present: Vincent Olinski, Dawn Sienkiewicz, Sara Unger,
Renee Wroth and Robert Veronesi

Commissioners Absent: Kimberly Irzyk, Ken Magarian and Martin Nunez

Staff Present: Jim Blascak, Program Coordinator

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m. with Pro-Tempore, Renee Wroth presiding.

Motion made by Robert Veronesi, motion seconded by Vincent Olinski to accept the minutes of June 20, 2016. All in favor
Motion passed

Public Participation:

1 Brian Hoose

New Business or Items for Discussion:

1. Brian Hoose is conducting a feasibility study at Whitney Park. He has three issues he feels that need to be addressed. One is the use of charcoal grills/fires in the area create a hazard to neighboring homes as well as woodland areas.
2. Robert responded that he has contacted the police department several times and they come back as soon as the police leave.
3. Dawn stated that there is a city ordinance that states no fires in parks. She is suggesting the park be gated to prevent people from entering this area at night.
4. Brian Hoose stated that the playscape gets little use is looking at the possibility of stairs being installed to allow easier access over the dike. He has contacted the Corp of Engineers.
5. Dawn indicated that this would not be under our jurisdiction.
6. Brian Hoose would like the water fountains installed. Bob stated that there are two water fountains there, but have been vandalized to the point that they cannot be repaired.
7. Dawn Sienkiewicz complemented Renee Wroth on a very nice job on the revised permit for use of areas. Commissioners agreed.

8. Dave Billips, email and update regarding his staff placed the water hydrant inside the fenced in area at Arm Brook Park and placed signage per the request of Ed Phillips and Mariah Strattner from the Westfield Dog Bark Friends. Email- Commission nomination of name of pavilion at Park Square. Last email regarding the doors removed for the summer and early fall months at the Park Square pavilion.(Completed)

Old Business:

1. Tom Sawyer completed a revised permit for the use of Park Square pavilion on Tuesdays nights for open mic event.

Items for Action:

1. Motion made by Robert Veronesi to approved the revised permit for use of areas adding "individuals" and rules revised added "fountain restrictions" per Mark Cressotti, City Engineer. Motion seconded by Dawn Sienkiewicz.
Sara Yes, Vincent Yes, Dawn Yes, Renee Yes, Robert Yes. All in favor

Motion passed

2. Motion made by Dawn Sienkiewicz to name the newly constructed structure "Park Square Pavilion" motion seconded by Vincent Olinski.
Sara Yes, Vincent Yes, Dawn Yes, Renee Yes, Robert Yes. All in favor

Motion passed

Reports- (See attached)

Motion made by Dawn Sienkiewicz to adjourn, motion seconded by Robert Veronesi
Motion passed

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

The next meeting is August 15, 2016

Documents:

Report by Jim Blascak, Program Coordinator
Emails: David Billips, Director of Public Works

Reviewed by Sara Unger, Commissioner

Summary of public comments on remote participation provided by:
Sara Unger, Commissioner

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