

CENTRAL BLAIR RECREATION & PARK COMMISSION

BOARD MEETING

January 19, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ryan Rimbeck, Tim Brown, Wayne Hippo, Phil Ricco, Bill Neugebauer, Marla Marcinko

MEMBERS ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Hofer, Judy Irvin, Steve Sauers, Mark Lechner, David Salome, Heather Macharola, Jarrod Prugar, Larry Clapper, Bill Kibler

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by the Chairman, Wayne Hippo.

A roll call of board members was taken.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Approval of board minutes was next on the agenda. Ryan Rimbeck made a motion to approve, as read, the board minutes from the November 17, 2016, meeting; Bill Neugebauer seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

Approval of financial reports was next on the agenda. Bill Neugebauer made a motion to approve the Regular January through December, 2016 financial report; Ryan Rimbeck seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

Executive Director's Report was next on the agenda.

Mike said Hamilton Park is progressing and Mid-State Construction is working through the winter months; we are planning a spring ribbon cutting. Mike then thanked the entire Commission, board members and staff for helping with our Adopt a Family during this past Christmas season. Also thank you to the Township employees for getting together and making a donation for the family. The family was in desperate need and lived in deplorable conditions. We received a thank you and was told that they would not have had a Christmas without our help.

New Business was next on the agenda.

- A. Winter Activities Guide – Mike passed around the 2017 Winter Activities Guide. Steve said we have programs for toddlers to seniors offered in the guide. 28,000 copies were distributed and it's a great marketing tool for the Commission.
- B. Part-time Maintenance – Bill Neugebauer made a motion to approve the hiring of Tom Boslet as our new part-time maintenance employee, effective, Monday, January 16, 2017, at \$9.50 per hour. Ryan Rimbeck seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

The board then acknowledged Mark Lechner, Superintendent of Parks, for his ten years of service to the Commission, he has resigned his position effective Monday, January 23, 2017.

- C. Community Classic Dinner & Benefit Auction – Mike said we needed to make a change with our guest speaker, Joey Porter. We felt he did not make a good fit, at this time, and had to be replaced. Our partners, Beating the Odds Foundation, has found a replacement in Roberto Clemente Jr. Mike said he is excited that we were able to get Mr. Clemente, at this late date, especially since he is a great motivational speaker, community orientated and extremely fan friendly. We have begun promoting, remarketing, getting new posters, new tickets, etc. Wayne Hippo said he is pleased with the choice and commended Mike for turning a bad circumstances into a real positive. Roberto Clemente Jr. is a great match for Donna Gority and this will be a special night.

Questions for the News Media was next on the agenda. Bill Kibler asked if our new hire was for the Director of Maintenance, Mike stated that this person was hired for part-time maintenance, not the Director. Mr. Kibler asked if Mike talked with Joey Porter personally, Mike said that he did not, all dealings were with his agent. Mr. Kibler asked how we got Roberto Clemente Jr., Mike said that he is a quarterback for life through the Beating of the Odds Foundation and Rocco Scalzi helped us secure him.

The board then adjourned the meeting at 4:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Irwin
Administrative Assistant

K. Michael Hofer
Executive Director