

CENTRAL BLAIR RECREATION & PARK COMMISSION

BOARD MEETING

March 15, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marla Marcinko, Ryan Rimbeck, Kelly Irwin Adams

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tim Brown, Phil Ricco, Erik Cagle, Wayne Hippo, Bill Neugebauer

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Hofer, Judy Irvin, Cory Geishouser, Tom Boslet, David Salome, Dane Schick, Shawn Ehredt, Larry Clapper

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

A roll call of board members was taken.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Marla Marcinko made a motion to approve, as read, the board minutes from the January 18, 2018 meeting; Ryan Rimbeck seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

Approval of financial reports was next on the agenda. Marla Marcinko made a motion to approve the Regular financial report for January through February 2018, Ryan Rimbeck seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

Executive Director's Report was next on the agenda.

Community Classic Dinner was held Saturday, February 17, 2018 and went extremely well, despite the snow storm that began around 3:30 p.m. We had 488 tickets sold and 400 to 425 were in attendance. Dr. Zane Gates was our Respected Citizen and Eric McElvenny was our Guest Speaker. They both had outstanding messages and were great speakers. The profit should be around \$25,000 and we have begun our preparations for next year. Bavarian Hall is already scheduled for Saturday, February 23, 2019, U S Foods will be our event sponsor and our guest speaker is already confirmed. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 24th, we have 20,000 eggs stuffed with candy and coupons. Overflow Church, Element Church, Operation Our Town, and BTW Corporation have contributed as our sponsors. We have around six (6) mascots, the Toon Town Clowns and a DJ coming to the event. Golf Classic is scheduled for Monday, August 13th at Sinking Valley, HealthSouth is our event sponsor. We have formed a separate golf committee that will help with sponsorships and securing teams; we would like to have 30 teams and 100 tee signs.

New Business was next on the agenda.

- A. Vet's Scoreboard – Mike said the current scoreboard was installed in the mid-nineties and the City Electricians said that it needs to be replaced. The parts we need to repair the board are no longer available. We submitted a grant application to the County of Blair and we will be awarded \$2,700 towards a new scoreboard. The current scoreboard is a professional size scoreboard with at

bats, balls, strikes and every inning presented. To replace this scoreboard, the cost would be \$14,301. A scaled down version would have home, inning, guests, ball, strike, hit, and error for \$4,843.06. The need for a professional scoreboard is not really needed. Ryan Rimbeck said we don't really need the professional board and the board consensus was to raise the money for the smaller one. Mike said he will apply for grants from Goodman Trust and the Community Foundation to raise the rest of the money for the smaller scoreboard. Vet's ballfield lighting was installed in the late 1990's or early 2000's. It was installed as a recreational style of lighting. There are different styles of lighting, recreational, professional or minor league. Currently the lights are mercury vapor and they have reached their life expectancy. Musco Lighting did an analysis in 2014 and the lights are very expensive to replace. To switch everything out to LED it would cost \$80,000 based on 2014 pricing. Joe Sheetz said he would pay for Keller Engineers to do a new light analysis. Mike would like to follow up with the light analysis to see what the cost would be to replace the lighting. Marla said maybe we can partner with Sheetz and Blair Companies to help pay for the new lights.

- B. DCNR Grant Resolution – Mike said he is about 80% done with the application to DCNR for a Comprehensive Plan for the Commission which includes the City of Altoona, Logan Township and the Altoona Area School District of recreation programs and parks. We have to have a signed letter from the board that the Commission will pledge the match to the grant (if awarded) which could be as much as \$40,000. We also have a resolution page that needs signed that gives support from the Commission for the grant project. The project will be bided out if we are awarded the grant. Marla said we should move forward and that each entity should approach their governing bodies for support of this project and for funding the comprehensive plan. Mike said that in his research the Logan Township plan, Positively Altoona plan and the County of Blair plan each identified recreation as a priority, Marla Marcinko made a motion to authorize the adoption of the DCNR grant resolution and for all entities to sign the pledge letter for the grant match. Ryan Rimbeck seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

Marla Marcinko made a motion to adjourn the meeting into an Executive Session to discuss personnel at 5:03 p.m., Ryan Rimbeck seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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K. Michel Hofer
Executive Director