

MINUTES

LAKE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 12, 2023

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board President, John Salzeider, called the Lake County Parks and Recreation Board Meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. in the large conference room of the Lake County Parks Corporate Office, 8411 E. Lincoln Highway, Cown Point, Indiana.

II. ROLL CALL

Secretary to the Board, Jim Basala, called the roll and the following Board members were present: Christopher Dilts, Carl Ploense, Jesse Rippe and John Salzeider. Board Attorney, Louis Casale, was also in attendance. Board member David Uzelac was present via phone conference.

Staff members present: Jim Basala, Chris Landgrave, Chris Cioroianu, and Marsha Rodriguez

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Salzeider asked if there were any nominations for Park Board President. Mr. Uzelac stated that the nominating committee would like to nominate Mr. Dilts as president. Mr. Salzeider asked if there were any other nominations for Park Board President. There being no other nominations, Mr. Salzeider closed the nominations and called for the vote, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the nomination of Christopher Dilts as Park Board President.

Mr. Salzeider asked for a nomination for Park Board Vice President. Mr. Uzelac stated that the nominating committee would like to nominate Mr. Ploense to serve as vice president. Mr. Salzeider asked if there were any other nominations for Park Board Vice President. There being none, Mr. Salzeider closed the nominations and called for the vote, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the nomination of Carl Ploense as Park Board Vice President.

V. APPOINTMENT OF BOARD SECRETARY AND BOARD ATTORNEY

Mr. Salzeider asked if there were any nominations for the appointment of the Board Secretary and Board attorney. Mr. Dilts nominated Jim Basala as Board Secretary. Mr. Salzeider asked if there were any other nominations for Park Board Secretary. There being none, Mr. Salzeider closed the nominations and called for the vote, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mr. Basala as Park Board Secretary.

Mr. Salzeider asked if there were any nominations for the 2023 Park Board Attorney. Mr. Uzelac nominated Louis Casale as the Board Attorney. Mr. Salzeider asked if there were any other nominations. There being none, Mr. Salzeider closed the nominations and called for the vote, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mr. Casale as Park Board Attorney.

Mr. Salzeider congratulated the new Park Board members and turned the meeting over to the new Park Board president Mr. Dilts.

VI. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 12, 2023 BOARD AGENDA

In a motion by Mr. Salzeider, seconded by Mr. Ploense, the Board unanimously approved the Board Agenda of January 12, 2023.

VII. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 8, 2022 BOARD MINUTES

In a motion by Mr. Salzeider, seconded by Mr. Ploense, the Board unanimously approved the Board Minutes of December 8, 2022.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider Resolution Concerning – Non-Reverting Cumulative Capital Fund

Mr. Basala directed the Board to their Board packets. Stating that the resolution Establishing Cumulative Park Building Fund is one in the same as Cumulative Capital Fund by law.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2023-01 ESTABLISHING CUMALATIVE PARK BUILDING FUND

Under Indiana Code 36-10-3-21

Be it resolved by the Lake County Park and Recreation Board of Lake County, Indiana that a need now exists for the establishment of Cumulative Park Building Fund for the following purposes:

For all uses set out in IC 36-10-3-21

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board will adhere to the provisions of Indiana Code 36-10-3-21. The proposed fund will not exceed \$0.0167 on each \$100 of assessed valuation. Said tax rate will be levied beginning with taxes for 2023 payable 2024.

BE IT FURTHER FESOLVED that proofs of publication of the notice of public hearing to be held pursuant to law and certified copy of this resolution shall be submitted to the Department of Local Government Finance of the State of Indiana as provided by law. The Cumulative Park Building Fund is subject to the approval of the Department of Local Government Finance.

Duly adopted by the following vote of the members of said Park and Recreation Board of Lake County, Indiana this 12th day of January, 2023.

President

Vice President

Board Member

Attest: _____
James Basala, CEO/Secretary to the BOARD

Mr. Salzeider made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-01, Establishing Cumulative Park District Fund. Mr. Uzelac seconded the motion. Mr. Dilts asked if there were any more questions or further discussion. There being none, Mr. Dilts called for the vote, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the motion as presented.

X. ACCEPTANCE OF CLAIMS

Claims to be accepted:

1107 Operating Fund	\$ 69,789.84		\$ 36,725.79
1116 Non-Reverting Land	56,367.00		6,699.02
1117 Non-Reverting Operating	53,950.94		26,963.22
4354 Bond	<u>18,166.11</u>	4353	750.00
1118 Gift Fund			<u>192.00</u>
Total:	\$198,273.89		\$71,330.03

Mr. Salzeider made a motion to accept the claims. Mr. Rippe seconded the motion. Mr. Dilts asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion, Mr. Dilts called for the vote, and the Board unanimously approved the claims for payment.

XI. REPORTS

A. Committee Reports

Mr. Dilts reported the committee assignments for 2023.

1. Policy and Personnel/Budget and Finance

Mr. Ploense, Ms. Gillis and Mr. Uzelac will serve on the Policy and Personnel/Budget and Finance Committee, with Mr. Ploense as the committee chair.

2. Goals and Objectives/Land Acquisition

Mr. Rippe, Mr. Salzeider and Mr. Dilts will serve on the Goals and Objectives/Land Acquisition Committee, with Mr. Salzeider as the committee chair.

B. Division Reports

1. Park Operations

Mr. Cioroianu, Division Superintendent, wished the Board a Happy New Year, and stating that this time of the year there are no golfers, but weather is nice enough that employees are out doing work on the many park properties, such as trimming trees, clearing trails and putting down mulch. The Lemon Lake manager facility is almost completed as well. The service crew is in the process of getting the tractors and mowers ready for spring.

2. Recreation and Special Facilities

Mr. Landgrave, Chief Operating Officer, gave the division report for Ms. Mateer in her absence. Buckley Homestead, and Deep River County Park have opened up availability for their major springtime fieldtrips. Deep River will offer two weeks of Maple Syrup programs for the first two weeks of March, while Buckley Homestead will offer Hands On workshops, and Farm Tours thru April and May. Stating that both parks saw an increase in field trip turnouts, and hoping to continue that momentum this year. The recruitment of new staff is starting at Deep River Waterpark. A video was recently released, made by Nicole Drexler, the Water Safety Supervisor, capturing the reasons why being a lifeguard is a great job. Local High Schools have been contacted about participating in job fairs, and career days as well. Belloboo's attendance has been increasing for the past three years since Covid. There is definitely headway being made.

3. Planning and Natural Resource Management

Mr. Landgrave, Chief Operating Officer, reported to the Board that Craig Zandstra, Division Superintendent, could not be here this evening. The Penn Oak acquisition, that is fifteen acres, and the ninety-nine-acre Sarros property acquisition, were purchased with federal grant monies and matching funds from various park partners. Stating the Mr. Zandstra worked on it continuously until it was completely done. Closing for both properties were on December 22nd, 2022.

4. Administrative Services

Mr. Landgrave, Chief Operating Officer, reported that the County has been working through a new software. Stating that the first payroll was just paid through it. Mr. Landgrave introduced Ms. Andrea Moore, head of Human Resources. Ms. Moore explained how one would install the application in order to see their pay. Stating that if anyone had any questions, they could always reach out to her. Mr. Landgrave finished by stating that the Parks would not be seeing any tax money until March, having the ability to borrow from ourselves if need be.

XII. GENERAL DISCUSSION

None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

In a motion by Mr. Salzeider, seconded by Mr. Reithel, the Lake County Parks and Recreation Board meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BASALA
Secretary to the Board

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