

**Huron Joint Recreation District
Regular Board Meeting – Minutes
Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 6:30pm
Huron Boat Basin Marina Building, Huron, OH**

Members Present: Joe Dike, Rene’ Franklin, Jen Kilbury, Jodi Mast, Tom Solberg, Julie Spitzley

Present from HPRD/City of Huron: Doug Steinwart, Brian Croucher, Rick Reinbolt

Members Absent: Tim Golling, Gordon Hahn

Community members in attendance: None

Meeting called to order by Mr. Solberg. Motion to approve minutes as presented from the November 6, 2018 meeting by Ms. Mast, seconded by Ms. Spitzley; motion approved.

Audience comments: None

OLD BUSINESS

A. Property Donation

Mr. Steinwart updated the Board: The plan is for this to be on City Council agenda on Dec. 11, 2018. Everything that we have heard has been very positive. Very exciting for our Board – will hopefully have your input on future opportunities for the property. Again we extend our thanks to the Dreffer family.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Winter Fest

Mr. Croucher distributed flyer with details/schedule for Saturday, December 8th Winter Fest. This is an “expansion” of our Christmas with Santa Event – through partnership with the Chamber of Commerce. This is a transition year, plan is to grow it in the future, and will assess how it worked this year. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be arriving at the marina on a boat donated for the afternoon by South Shore. He also reviewed the specific events on the schedule, and stated we are excited about the potential for this to become a larger community event; additional businesses have expressed interest in participating in the future. Mr. Steinwart thanked Amy and the Chamber for their work on the event, and for promoting business participation; he also stated that we are budgeting for adding fireworks next year.

B. Budget – Capital Equipment Reserve and Employee Benefit Reserve

Mr. Steinwart distributed report – to give the Board an overview of how we manage Reserve funds. He explained that, within our Parks & Recreation budget, we have four categories: Parks, Recreation, Boat Basin, and Parks Foundation. If we have good years, as we did this year at Nickel Plate, balances can be placed in either Capital Equipment Reserve or Employee Benefit Reserve. It fluctuates by year, but allows us to accumulate funds over time, for instance in our Capital Equipment Reserve, to then make investments based on our Department needs (for instance, a new riding mower) without an allotment from the General Fund. The Employee Benefit Reserve allows us to be prepared for retirement pay-outs, again by setting aside some dollars annually. He thanked Mike Spafford for producing these numbers by categories.

MANAGERS’ REPORTS

A. Parks

Mr. Reinbolt reported: In addition to our daily maintenance, we assembled and installed two additional donated memorial benches, for a total of eleven on the pier. The Boat Ramp has been very busy, have seen numerous Michigan, Illinois, Minnesota plates, even a South Dakota plate. Today we pulled the docks for the winter, left in the far-south one, which is protected from weather. We put up Christmas decorations.

Also had Nickel Plate cleaned by A-1 to head-off some of the debris build-up by Spring. Mr. Dike asked about easement extending into water from Con Agra site; feasibility of additional docks. Mr. Steinwart addressed expense which State of Ohio sponsored for existing docks at Boat Ramp; also stated that the 150 trailers at the Boat Ramp over Thanksgiving weekend is an example of the commerce traffic generated in our community.

B. Recreation

Mr. Croucher stated that we have been focused on the Winter Fest, which we previously discussed.

C. Boat Basin

Mr. Steinwart stated that we are wrapping up our brochure for 2019 events-calendars. Also finalizing winter maintenance, and preparing for Winter Fest events at Boat Basin/Marina building this weekend.

CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS

Mr. Solberg asked for comments. Board members wished all Happy Holidays.

OTHER MATTERS – ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Spitzley, seconded by Ms. Mast; motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Irvin, Administrative Coordinator
Huron Parks & Recreation