

BOARD OF WORKS & PUBLIC SAFETY
August 16, 2021 – 5:00 PM
Community Center, 311 N. Washington Street

Mayor Anita Werling opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. Those present rose for the pledge of allegiance.

Dick Bradshaw, Kamron Yates, and Anita Werling were present.

Minutes of the August 2, 2021 meeting were presented. Kamron Yates moved to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Mayor Werling. Without objection, motion carried. (Dick Bradshaw abstained since he was absent at the August 2nd meeting.)

Claims totaling \$695,569.01 were presented for approval. Dick Bradshaw moved to approve the claims. Second by Kamron Yates. No questions were presented. The claims were approved. (3-0)

Other Business

Mayor Werling introduced the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Julia Leahy for an update on the Indiana Bacon Festival scheduled for Saturday, August 28 from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Julia presented a map showing streets to be closed adding Market Street to the fenced in area to allow for more social distancing. Dick Bradshaw moved to approve the plan for the street closures. Second by Kamron Yates. Motion carried. (3-0)

Unfinished Business.

Dave Buck from Butler Fairman & Seufert presented the bonds from Milestone Construction for the 2021-1 CCMG Terrace Meadows project along with the agreement and notice to proceed. Dick Bradshaw moved to approve the agreement with Milestone. Second by Kamron Yates. Motion carried. (3-0) Dick Bradshaw moved to issue the notice to proceed on the project. Second by Kamron Yates. Motion carried. (3-0)

New Business.

An excavation permit from Jeff Watson was presented for the home nearing completion at 402 E. Monroe Street. The schematic for the work was reviewed calling for curb cut to provide an entrance ramp to the two-car garage, a side parking pad with sidewalk to a rear patio, and replacement of all sidewalk bounding the property on Monroe and Wilson Streets. Dick Bradshaw moved to approve the permit. Second by Kamron Yates. Motion carried. (3-0)

Mayor Werling presented a change order from R & W Construction for \$5,346.75 for time and materials to remedy the problems uncovered on Front Street at Union Street at the location of the old water tower for the CDBG Drinking Water project. Dick Bradshaw moved to approve the change order. Second by Kamron Yates. Motion carried. (3-0)

The Delphi Girls Softball League asked to speak with the Board of Works regarding use of the diamond at Riley Park. As background, Mayor Werling indicated that she and Aaron Lyons had met with Don Kinnaird and members of the Girls Softball League board on August 4th to discuss the future of the ball diamond in Riley Park. It had been assumed by the City and the Parks Advisory Board

that the Delphi Girls Softball League would move to the Abby Libby Park once it was open. Don Kinnard indicated that was not the case and that the League wished to continue using the diamond at Riley Park as a practice field and as an additional field for tournaments hosted at the Abby Libby Field. Concerns expressed by a local citizen and the Parks Board were discussed with the League: the field and its buildings were not being maintained, the bleachers were in poor condition, and all were becoming an eyesore to the Park. Weeds were not being attended to at the fence surrounding the field; the air conditioning unit was left to run continuously; trash was left in the dugout following practice, and so forth. It was also pointed out that a recent survey conducted by the Parks Advisory Board suggested many amenities that citizens would like to see in the parks—the softball field was barely mentioned. Attractions that most people wanted to see were a dog park, splash pad, skating rink, amphitheater, and so forth. The cost to the City is in excess of \$1,000 per year. Since 2013, the expenses total well over \$15,000. The Delphi Girls Softball League has provided donations at the end of some seasons. Since 2005, the total in donations has been \$700.

Mr. Kinnard indicated that the League had operated in Riley Park for more than 50 years. The League is a not-for-profit group. They use money raised to provide scholarships to girls who would otherwise not be able to play. The league has 6-8 teams with 80 to 90 girls. Tournaments bring people and tourist dollars to the downtown. The League has provided the toilet paper, trash bags, and other items needed for the public during tournaments. They have repaired their buildings and grounds on their own when flooded out 3-4 times. They carry their own liability insurance. Kinnard would like to see a contract with the City that would enable the group to continue to use Riley Park.

Mayor Werling suggested that the Board of Works and the League have a work session to discuss the matter and develop a plan for the future.

Board Comments.


Dick Bradshaw expressed his opinion that the League had done amazing work over the years and that the City needed more organizations like them to provide activities for youth. He expressed his opinion that he would like to see more groups use the park.

Clerk-Treasurer Aldrich corrected Kinnard's timeline stating that she played during the first season 62 years ago playing through high school.

With no further questions or comments, Kamron Yates made the motion to adjourn. Second by Mayor Werling. Motion carried without objections.

Meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.


Mayor Anita Werling


Leanne Aldrich, Attest