

MONTICELLO PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Wednesday, July 9th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

904 City Park Loop

Anheier Building

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Parks Board President Susan Gift with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present:

Susan Gift-President

Beth Brown – Vice President

Shannon Turner-Member

Eric Becker-Member

Others Present: Mitch Billue-Parks Superintendent

Aaron Sims (virtually)- Mayor City of Monticello

Dave Patty-City Council

Gary Allen-City Council

Bill Cheever-President Monticello City Council

Doug Pebble-Clerk Treasure City of Monticello

Emily Albaugh- KIRPC

Nikki Zarse- Program & Activity Coordinator

ADDITION AND / OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes were unavailable from the June meeting

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION : None

REPORTS, REQUEST, COMMUNICATIONS

Superintendents Report- Submitted no questions

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion on Land & Water Grant/Funds and Direction for Parks Development

Emily from KIRPC Updated board of the current standing of the Land and Water Grant. In May Indiana State Government changed the direction for “Land and Water Grant” monies. Now all these funds are going to the State parks. Currently there is no direction from the state on when these grants will become available again for cities/county use.

Emily did discuss that there could be other funding options available, but most of these options do have match money tied to them. If the board is interested, she can look further into these options.

Land Acquisition Consideration - Property Adjacent to Voigt Park

Emily also discussed that since we are no longer receiving Federal funds a Federal land appraisal will not be needed. This will save the park money, because we can now just get a normal appraisal. If that's the direction that the board wants to go.

There was a lengthy discussion between the Parks Board and City Council on whether the \$500,000 that was set aside for match money would still be available for parks use. City Council President Doug Pebble (Clerk Treasurer) stated that currently there is approximately \$150,000 in that fund now. Bill Cheever-President City Council stated that the City Council could grant the monies to the parks; however, they would like a detailed list of the items that we will be purchasing each year. Then they could decide to allocate the funds to the parks.

Shannon made a motion to "Move forward with appraisal and acquisition of land for property adjacent to Voigt Park" Beth Seconded. Motion Carried.

Consideration of Pickle Ball Court Size and Locations

4 options were discussed:

- Remove and store all skate equipment at Jordan Park and make 3-4 courts on the cement there
- Purchase land from SFLECC and put cement pad for equipment and relocate to the edge of Voigt
- Remove Sand Volleyball court at Voigt replace with cement pad.
- City use a parking lot located in Downtown

Pros and cons of each site was discussed

Eric made a motion to "Repurpose Jordan Park by removing skating equipment and put in storage. In its place add 3-4 Pickleball courts" Beth seconded. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PARK / PARK NON-REVERTING CLAIMS

Beth made a motion to "Approval all Park Non-Reverting Claims" Eric seconded. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted: Nikki Zarse