

## Ferdinand Park & Recreation Board Minutes September 4, 2019

Regular meeting of Ferdinand Park & Recreation Board was held on Wednesday, September 4 beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the town hall. In attendance were Matt Weyer, Mike Steffe, Natalie Howard, Dolores Boeglin and Tom Lueken. Also attending was Josh Emmons, a representative from the Rosenvolk committee, and Don Foerster, with the youth soccer leagues.

Minutes were approved with a motion by Mike and second by Natalie. Expense report was also approved with a motion by Matt and second by Natalie.

Josh Emmons stated this is the fourth year for the Rosenvolk and its success is due to the internal vetting of vendors and educators who are putting on the festival. Last year approximately 35,000 attended the two-day event. He stated vendors would again be arriving on Thursday and Monday and Tuesday will be for clean-up. Mike stated that a lease was yet to be signed along with proof of insurance and payment. The board was assured this would be handled immediately.

There will only be one entrance to the event which will be between the concession stand and the fence of the ball field. Approximately 12 vendors will need to stay overnight. Horses will again be housed at the 4-H fairgrounds. Saturday hours are 10-10 and Sunday 10-5. It was suggested that the student buses park and 5<sup>th</sup> St. Park and a reminder was issued that no open fires are allowed.

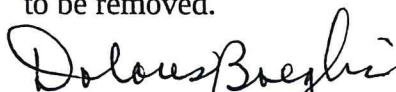
Mike also suggested keeping the camping area contained and number of cars at the site be held to a minimum. The board was given assurance that any damage to the turf would be repaired.

Matt showed a very interesting video of the progress on the Old Town Lake project. All the clearing has been done and power lines installed. Progress is very exciting.

Marvin Weyer once again has been very generous in offering to purchase benches and trash containers for the trail totalling up to \$10,000. Tom has done some research and presented benches and trash receptacles that would be appropriate. Payment number 4 in the amount of \$27,960 was approved for payment.

Matt stated the Council had approved the no-camping ordinance and also that Ferdinand Township has agreed to increase their share of the park budget and had also donated \$10,000 which was used for dredging an area at the Old Town Lake where one of the bridges would cross. Also the Heimfest committee has donated two more picnic tables to the park.

It was decided to install vertical netting at the Girls Little League field at 5<sup>th</sup> St. after checking with other parks and how they handled safety netting. Don Foerster gave a report on the progress of the rebound wall at the soccer field. This has been on agenda for some time and since his retirement he stated he is working on it. The electric department has trimmed trees and have removed trees with storm damage for safety reasons. After the Rosenvolk about 8-10 trees will be planted and 6 will need to be removed.

  
Dolores Boeglin, Secretary