

Board of Public Works & Safety and Park Authority Meeting
Wednesday, September 9, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.
Ligonier City Hall · 301 S. Calvin St. · Ligonier, IN 46767

Call to order by Mayor Bryan Shearer

Roll Call

Present: Board Members Tom Janes, Mary Wysong, and Mayor Bryan Shearer
City Attorney Laura Kaufman and Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

Approval of Minutes of August 26, 2026

Motion to approve: Tom Janes

Second: Mary Wysong

Vote: All Ayes

New Business

Park Department – Quotes for Fencing at Recycle Center

Park Director John Parrish requested three quotes for fencing at the new Recycle Center located in Kenney Park near the Compost Site. The fencing will include vinyl slats for privacy and aesthetics.

- Yoder and Sons: \$13,313.31
- Custom Fencing: \$14,224.00
- Wana Acres Fencing: \$22,540.23

Director Parrish recommended approval of the quote from Yoder and Sons, as they are available to begin the project the week of September 21, 2026.

Motion to approve: Tom Janes

Second: Mary Wysong

Vote: All Ayes

Park Department – Quotes for Sealing of Rec Center Parking Lot

Park Director John Parrish requested three quotes for sealing a portion of the parking lot at Kenney Park. Two quotes were received; Pulver did not submit a quote.

- Steel Curtain Asphalt: \$2,190.00
- Premier Asphalt Solutions: \$2,312.75

Director Parrish recommended approval of the quote from Steel Curtain Asphalt.

Motion to approve: Mary Wysong

Second: Tom Janes

Vote: All Ayes

Park Department – Quotes for Trees in the Parks

Park Director John Parrish requested quotes for trees to be planted in the City parks. Three quotes were requested, and two were received.

- Vision Lawn & Landscaping: \$10,000.00 for 20 trees
- Countryscapes: \$9,900.00 for 18 trees

Director Parrish recommended selecting Vision Lawn & Landscaping.

Motion to approve Vision Lawn & Landscaping: Tom Janes

Second: Mary Wysong

Vote: All Ayes

Fire Department – Quotes for Siren Controllers

Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver presented two quotes from ERS for controllers for the tornado sirens and timers. One option would activate the sirens and set the timer, while the other would activate the sirens and provide feedback.

Chief Weaver noted that, given the issues the City has experienced, he believes the software providing feedback and timer capabilities would be advisable. The budgeted amount is \$15,000. Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn stated that she should be able to identify funding to cover the difference.

With Software to provide feedback	\$26,760.01
Without the Software to provide feedback	10,233.94

The Board discussed the locations of the City's sirens, including the Water Tower at Park Meadow, Recreation Center, Water Works, Kroger Grocery Store, and Silgan. The Board also discussed the possibility of moving a siren that was taken down to the WNSC complex.

Motion to approve the quote for \$26,760.01: Bryan Shearer

Second: Mary Wysong

Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Board Members and Administration

Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver

Chief Weaver provided an update on the Fire Department's transition to the "800" paging system.

- The department has purchased the pagers and is working toward the necessary upgrades.
- Chief Weaver met with ERS regarding the transition, as ERS has 800 MHz towers located just outside of town.
- The current pagers use VHF, while the department's radios have transitioned to the 800 MHz system. The paging system will also be transitioned to 800 MHz.
- The change will primarily involve programming. The department will retain the capability to use VHF paging.
- The system will be used primarily for Fire Department paging and will also be supplemented by a cell-phone messaging/alert system.

Park Director John Parrish

- The Recreation Center has been short-staffed. Marge Durham expressed interest in working the open shifts and came in on her own time to learn more about the position. After discussing further, the following was offered.

Motion to approve the hire of Marge Durham at the current Desk Attendant Wage: Bryan Shearer

Second: Tom Janes

Vote: All Ayes

- The Park Department will begin winding down seasonal operations and winterizing the parks in October.
- The Petit Park restrooms will remain open this winter. Quotes are being obtained for insulation.
- Seasonal part-time employees will begin being released later in October.

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- Welcomed Mary Wysong to the Board and expressed confidence that she would do a great job.

Mayor Bryan Shearer

- Welcomed Mary Wysong to the Board of Public Works & Safety and Park Authority. Mayor Shearer expressed his appreciation for Ron Terry's service during Mayor Franklin's administration and stated that he wanted to diversify the Board.
- Phend & Brown: The CCMG project is scheduled to begin September 21, 2026.
- RDC: The Board approved two additional façade grants, windows for Grounded Coffee Shop and window and building painting for Baxter Properties. Mayor Shearer stated that he has taken the initiative to contact business owners and wants to continue moving additional projects forward.
- Alley Project: Mayor Shearer discussed the alley project and stated we will be recognizing the contributions Kidd & Co. has made to the community over the years. He would like to utilize local companies for portions of the project when possible.

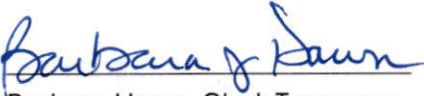
- Mayor Shearer stated that he intends to see the City's projects through to completion.
- Mayor Shearer expressed his excitement about his first meeting and stated that he believes the City can accomplish amazing things with the team we have in place.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Tom Janes

Second: Mary Wysong

Vote: All Ayes



Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer



Bryan K. Shearer, Mayor