

**Ligonier Common Council Special Meeting
Monday, June 17, 2019 · Ligonier City Hall
301 South Cavin Street · Ligonier, IN – 7:00 pm**

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Call to order by Mayor Fisel – Common Council Meeting

Roll Call

Present: Council President Ken Schuman, Councilman Chris Fought, Councilwoman Becky Gray, and Councilwoman Kelly Ware and Councilwoman Julia Bell; Mayor Patty Fisel, City Attorney Steven Clouse and Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

Citizens Comments

Members of the audience were each given two-minutes to state their concerns to the council regarding Ordinance 931-2019 which would dissolve the Park Board and establish a Park Authority.

David Magnus, 105 West Miller Street: Mr. Magnus spoke against dissolving the park board. He stated he felt this was being treated as an emergency and being done too hastily. He complimented the park department and feels management of the parks will be an undue burden on the Board of Public Works and Safety. He thanked the council for their time.

Earle Franklin, 804 South Cavin Street: Mr. Franklin's comments were a rebuttal to comments made at a special park board meeting by a park department employee. After responding to individual accusations he ended by saying "I am appalled by your lack of assistance to the park board in resolving the problem and the disparaging comments directed at the park board, city council members, and the mayor. Their integrity remains intact, and you should be ashamed of your conduct."

Unfinished Business

Ordinance 931-2019 – An Ordinance Establishing the Ligonier City Park Authority

Ordinance 931-2019 was passed on the first reading at the council meeting of June 10, 2019 and was available for the second and third readings. Mayor Fisel asked if there was further discussion before proceeding and there was none.

Motion to pass Ordinance 931-2019 on the second reading was made by Council President Schuman; Second by Councilman Fought. Vote 5-0. Ordinance 931-2019 passed on second reading.

***Motion to pass Ordinance 931-2019 on the third and final reading was made by Council President Schuman; Second by Councilman Fought. Vote 5-0. Ordinance 931-2019 passed on third reading.
Ordinance Passed***

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Building Administrator Earle Franklin

- The following requests were received: new home, variance, and minor subdivision.

Mayor Fisel's Comments

- Appreciate everyone coming – appreciate your opinion – appreciate that you recognize the value of our parks. Disappointed in the actions of some at the special park board meeting. Sorry some of you were disappointed and feel there was not much notice. We've been without a full time director since Alan's retirement in March. We have been trying to move process along to get a new director. Hope that all of you who are against the ordinance will understand that a new director deserves to be treated in a decent manner and will pull together to support him.
- The Mayor then appointed Travis Brimhall as the new Park Director. He will start on Monday, June 24, 2019 and she is hopeful interim Park Superintendent Alan Duncan will be willing to stay and help him understand what needs to be done. She gave Mr. Brimhall the opportunity to say a few words.

Travis Brimhall

- He stated that he grew up in the community and is looking forward to making the parks great. There are a lot of people with a lot of knowledge he would like to learn from including former park director Alan Duncan. He appreciates the opportunity and is ready to get started.

Mayor Fisel thanked Mr. Brimhall for accepting the position. She also thanked the park board for their service to the park department and to the city.

Adjournment @ approximately 7:18 pm

Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Fought; Second by Council President Schuman. Vote: 5-0. Meeting adjourned.



Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer



Patricia Fisel, Mayor