# Ligonier Park Board Meeting – Monday, August 19, 2013 5:15pm – Ligonier Sports & Recreation Center

Board Members Present: Jeana Leamon, Jake Gloor, Ray Collet, Gary Byers, Brian Hite

Administration Present: Alan Duncan

Citizens: Jason Becker

The meeting was called to order by board president Jeana Leamon

The board approved the minutes for July as corrected. (Alan indicted he would give a list of items the park could use to the Mayor to present to the Hagen foundation.) Motion by Collet, second by Gloor. All ayes. Claims register for the month of July totaling \$33,293.50 was approved.

Motion by Collet, second by Byers. All ayes.

Citizens: Jason Becker

### Unfinished business:

Electric hook up at Woodlawn has been approved, waiting on AEP.

The park department received \$10,000 from the Hagen foundation to be used to purchase tables and benches for the splash pad area. Alan will order 6 round tables, 2 square tables, 8 umbrellas and 5 benches from Wabash Valley. He will pick them up to save on shipping cost.

Alan shared with the board a copy of the final budget approved by council and a copy of ideas for the city parks to justify increases in the park budget.

#### **New Business:**

Jason Becker from Countryscapes and Gardens was present to discuss plans and ideas for Pettit Park. He indicated that the property line has been approved and he is planning on installing the tree line this fall. The development of a rain garden was discussed. The need for a person to maintain and water the garden was discussed. Jason indicated that having someone 2 to 3 hours every other day would be sufficient. This would amount to around 10 hours per week and cost approximately \$3200 for the summer.

Jason will approach the Jennie Thompson foundation regarding funding for the rain garden next year. This action was approved by the board. Motion by Byers , second by Hite. All ayes.

Alan will talk to someone on the TIF board and inquire about TIF funds to help with rain garden maintenance.

Upon approval by the board, Alan will contact Pat Brown from SiteScapes for help in developing a master plan for Pettit Park. Motion by Hite, second by Collet. All ayes.

#### Other Business:

## **Programs:**

New sessions of aerobics and senior fitness classes will begin on September 9.

The Peddlers in the Park event was held on August 10 at Pettit Park. Good turn out. 18 vendors.

City league tournament games were held the week of July 22.

Major League winners were Parkview Noble Rehab and Coach Pitch winners were Ace Hardware.

Flag football registration continues and games begin on September 7.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25pm. Motion by Hite, second by Gloor All ayes.

President of Park Board

Secretary of Park Board