

West River Park Board Meeting January 7, 2013 Minutes

All minutes are draft until approved at the next meeting.

Attending-Paul Freed, Ben Underhill, Matt Henry, Brownie Towle, Bob Neubauer

Approval of Minutes-There was an approval of the minutes from 12-10-12 with the correction that the Entergy fund request was \$100,000 not \$50,000. There was a correction that the meeting for January 7, 2013 was at 6 pm not 7pm. Ben Underhill moved for approval with the change and Matt Henry seconded. The minutes were approved as amended.

Development-The timing for the concrete work did not happen and the work will be started and completed in the early spring. Brownie inquired if someone had contacted WW about materials. They had been, but no one has heard anything back from them. Nothing officially has been submitted by Washburn Vault and Eugene Frost regarding the concrete work regarding their in kind donation of materials and labor. It was reported that Wayside Fences were down at the field installing the poles for the fencing since the weather was good.

Grants- VCF-The Withington Fund has approved an additional \$40,000 to be used to match the Thomson Trust gift. Once we receive that money, we will send a letter to the Thomson Trust. Carol, Ben and Paul went up to the State House on December 19th and received recognition for a donation from the State in the amount of \$14,745.00. The payment has not been received as of this time. We have heard nothing regarding Entergy, Peoples or Price Chopper. Ben tried to submit an application for Proctor and Gamble. He found that while we qualify as a 501 C 3, we have not done the additional paperwork to be listed on the electronic system that P&G requires for a gift. There is a \$400 fee required for this, as well as quite a bit of additional paperwork. There is a PLAY Inc meeting scheduled on January 14th, 2013. At this meeting he will ask the PLAY Board if they would be willing to spend this money. Carol mentioned that she had a conversation with Lane Construction about a donation. Ben mentioned that Sunrise Rotary 's donation includes \$1000 from Rotary International. To receive this money, we need to purchase a bench, which was the basis for the grant, and submit an invoice for reimbursement. Carol will see that this is done.

We discussed having a Gala in the late Spring/early Summer to kick off the park. The idea of having a pig roast was discussed, as well as bands, raffles etc. The group agrees that it is a wonderful idea, but a separate committee needs to be formed to do it. Paul said that he would talk to Bette Abrams about it, since she has a history of putting on events like this.

The next meeting was scheduled, January 28, 2013 at 5:30. A motion was made to adjourn and seconded at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ben Underhill