

**Monrovia Parks & Recreation Board Meeting
February 22, 2023
140 E. Main Street (Municipal Building),
Monrovia, IN 46157**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Board President Cora Collier, immediately followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The following Board members were present: Cora Collier, Brock Sears, Phyllis Mead, Jon Hayse

The following Board members were absent: Lori Choate

Guests/Citizens: Loren Moore, Kevin Collier, Bruce Atkinson, Jack Taylor, Harold Atkinson

Minutes: Board VP Sears moved that the minutes from the January 22, 2023 meeting be approved as written, seconded by Board member Hayse. **All were in favor (4 Yea, 0 Nay, 1 Absent)**, and the motion passed.

Old Business:

- **Ability to Conduct Closed Meetings:** The Board was advised by the Secretary that, following discussion with the Town attorney and a review of the State statute regarding Parks Board meetings and Executive Sessions in general, it was determined that the Parks and Recreation Board could not conduct closed meetings.

New Business:

- **Estimated Costs to Pave the Town Park Designated Parking Lot:** Board VP Sears provided unofficial costs for the paving of the parking lot (270 W. Pray), and the installation of storm pipe (if needed). The paving/asphalt cost is estimated at \$83,000, and the storm pipe work is estimated at \$15,000.
 - Resident Jack Taylor advised the Board that then the home at 270 W. Pray Street was demolished, the Town did not remove the sewer line, basement walls, or dry well. He also stated that there were sinkholes on the lot and that before paving work is done, the Town should take corrective action.
 - Board member Hayse agreed, stating that there needed to be good soil compaction prior to the paving work.
 - The Board discussed that, if the Town Park was to have public restrooms, the sewer line would need to be extended further north to the Park property.
 - The Board recommended that the Town Council be notified of the above to determine the next steps, especially regarding the dry well and sewer, before any action to pave the lot commences.
 - The Secretary advised that, due to the estimated cost for paving the lot, the State required bid process would need to be followed.


- **Phased Approach to Park Development:** The board discussed the initial stages in the actual development of the Park property. This includes:
 - Stage 1: Paved Parking Lot
 - Stage 2: Covered Picnic Area (possibly donated by the Lions Club)
 - Stage 3: Walking Trail
- **Board 2023 Meeting Schedule:** The Board reviewed and approved the 2023 meeting schedule as presented.

Additional Topics:

- Board VP Sears requested that the Town Council consider establishing a Park Impact Fee for new home/apartment development in the Town. He provided examples of impact fees in several nearby Towns/Cities: Brownsburg, Greenwood, Plainfield. Attendee Collier (also the Council VP) asked for clarification as to what, specifically, establishes the Town's ability to impose an Impact Fee, i.e., establishing of the Park Board, Placing a sign on the property stating the park name, etc. The secretary stated that the question would be brought up in the weekly call with the Town attorney, scheduled for the following day.
- Board President Collier recommended that for the next scheduled meeting (3/21/23), it be advertised that community attendance is requested so that the Board may hear from the residents what they would like to see done with the park property. All agreed. Tentatively, the public meeting will be held at the new Government Center at 60 S. Church Street.

With no additional business to discuss, Board VP Sears moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Board member Hayse. **All were in favor (4 Aye / 0 Nay / 1 Absent)**, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 pm.


 Cora Collier, President
 Monrovia Parks & Recreation Board

Attest:

 Danny Chenault, Secretary
 Monrovia Parks & Recreation Board