

Monrovia Parks & Recreation Board Meeting
April 18, 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, President; Brock Sears, VP; Lori Choate, Jon Hayse, Brandi Brooks

Guests/Citizens: Loren Moore, Kevin Collier, Cara Bennett

Administration of Oath: Board member Brandi Brooks was administered the Oath of Office by the Clerk-Treasurer

Minutes: Board member Choate moved that the minutes from the March 21st, 2023 Board meeting be approved as written, seconded by Board member Hayse. **All were in favor (5 Yea, 0 Nay)**, and the motion passed.

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

- **Removal of Septic Tank – 270 W. Pray Street:** The Board was advised that, with the septic tank location confirmed, the Town Council requested that the tank be excavated at Town cost prior to proceeding with the bid process to have the lot paved. The Secretary stated that Dirt Works Plus is scheduled to remove the tank on 29-30 April. Guest Loren Moore reminded the Board that the existing sewer line will need to be extended to the Park property prior to paving the parking lot.
- **Parking Lot Paving:** Board VP Sears recommended that Town engineer partner DLZ, Indiana be contacted and requested to prepare a bid packet for the parking lot project. The secretary will contact DLZ to see if they can prepare it and facilitate the bid process. The Town Council will also be asked if they will approve any billing from DLZ associated with request. Further, the consensus of the Board is that, once the estimated cost of the paving project is determined, the Town Council be asked to consider approving the project and appropriating the necessary funds. Guest Collier mentioned that Midwest Paving, who was recently awarded the CCMG project, might be a good bidding contractor, as they will already be working on the CCMG project in the vicinity.
- **Park Impact Fee:** The Board was notified that Triad Associates had determined that they did not have the necessary expertise to perform the Park Study. The Board was provided with contact information from Lehman & Lehman, Inc. who had completed a study of a similar sized Town at a cost of \$22,000. Additionally, the Town Attorney had contacted a company that conducts the studies at a cost of approximately \$30,000. The Board requested that the Town Council consider funding a Park Study, which is required before an Impact Fee can be established.

- **Park Surveys:** Board President Collier requested that the additional surveys that had been submitted since March 17th be tabulated and the results provided to the Board at the next meeting.

New Business:

- **Establish a “Friends of the Park” Group:** Board President Collier proposed that the Board establish a Friends of the Park Group – a voluntary group, that would help the Board and Town with Parks & Recreation related activities, ideas, and solutions. Optimally, the Group would include 1 rep from the Park Board, 1 rep from the Town Council, a local business owner, a Festival board member, and 3 community members. All Board members were in favor of establishing the Group.

Additional Business: Board President Collier mentioned that there was not an update on this topic. The Lions Club meetings conflict with the Park Board meetings. It was noted that the Lions Club is trying to have a representative at the next Park Board meeting.

With no additional business to discuss, Board member Brooks moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Board member Hayse. **All were in favor (5 Aye / 0 Nay)**, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.



Cora Collier, President
Monrovia Parks & Recreation Board

Attest:



Danny Chenault, Secretary
Monrovia Parks & Recreation Board