

Monrovia Parks & Recreation Board Meeting
December 14, 2023
60 Marley Way (Government Center),
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, Brandi Brooks, and Secretary Danny Chenault. Member Jon Hayse was absent.

The following Monrovia Impact Fee Advisory Committee Members were present: Steve Donitzen, Sara Ivie, Shawn Massingale, Michael Fetsch, Maryanne Taylor, Philip Fowler, & Danny Chenault.

Guests/Citizens: Kevin Collier, Bill Chapple, Maria Chenault, Chuck Lehman (Lehman & Lehman).

Minutes: Board VP Sears moved that the minutes from the September 19, 2023 Board meeting be approved as written, seconded by Board member Choate. **All were in favor (4 Yea, 0 Nay)**, and the motion passed.

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

- **Introduction of Impact Fee Advisory Committee:** The 7 members of the newly formed committee were introduced.
- **Recreation Impact Fee Presentation:** Chuck Lehman (Lehman & Lehman), distributed copies of the completed Recreation Impact Fee Study to the Committee and Board. He then provided a very detailed review of the document, soliciting questions / feedback from the Committee. A second web meeting is anticipated in January to finalize the study and establish the proposed impact fee amount for consideration by the Park Board, Plan Commission, and Town Council.

New Business:

- **Little Library at Town Park:** Board VP Sears presented material that his wife had prepared, requesting Board consideration to construct a "Little Free Library" at the Monrovia Community Park. The request was very well received by the Board and those in attendance. Member Brooks moved that the request be approved and the library constructed, seconded by member Choate. **All were in favor (4 Yea, 0 Nay)**, and the motion passed.
- **Tree Lighting 2024:** Board President Collier requested that the Board consider partnering with the Festival Association and conduct an annual tree lighting ceremony during the Christmas holidays.
- **2024 Solar Eclipse Viewing:** Board President Collier expressed the possibility of conducting a solar eclipse viewing event at the Town Park. It would include food trucks and possibly other vendors. Town Manager Chenault requested that a member of the

Board attend the scheduled Solar Eclipse Task Force meeting on 19 December to discuss further.

- **Board Member Term Renewal:** Member Choate's term ends on 12/31/23. She is requesting renewal of her 4-year term. This is an agenda item for the 19 December Town Council meeting.
- **Town Park Wetlands Assessment:** The Board was provided copies of the assessment, which was completed in 2017. The assessment classified the wetlands as a Class I Isolated Wetland and recommended that a permit from IDEM be requested and USACOE be consulted for any filling/dredging of the wetlands. The Board approved Town Manager Chenault officially contacting both IDEM and USACOE, and also requested that their recommendations regarding possible uses of the wetlands be sought.

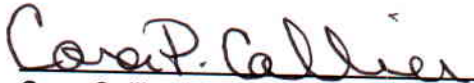
Additional Business: The following additional topics were discussed:

- **Quotes for Town Park Pavilion:** Two (2) quotes were reviewed by the Board:
 - DLZ, Indiana: \$69,000
 - Parks Construction: \$15,000

Note: The Board is awaiting one more quote. Once all quotes are received, they will be provided to the Lions Club for their consideration as a potential donation from them.

- **2024 Meeting Schedule:** Schedule was distributed to the Board. The next scheduled meeting is January 16, 2024.

With no additional business to discuss, Board VP Sears moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by member Choate. **All were in favor (4 Aye / 0 Nay)**, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.


Cora Collier, President
Monrovia Parks & Recreation Board

Attest:

Danny Chenault, Secretary
Monrovia Parks & Recreation Board