

PARK COMMISSION MINUTES

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Meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Roy Blakely.

Present: Roy Blakely, Linda Evans, Jason Morneau, & John Teiner (Park Department) Cindy T, Dave B & Chris M (former park commissioners). Meeting was held in person. Town Hall meeting room #140 on the 1st floor.

Roy Blakely made a motion to accept the minutes of January 20th, 2021. Motion was seconded by Jason Morneau. Roy Blakely made a motion to pay bills on W31E FY22, seconded by Linda Evans, all in favor.

John Teiner and all present spoke about Mr. James Faille and the extreme sadness to hearing of his passing. Mr. Faille had a huge impact on the community and especially the Park Department. Most recently he and his company (Faille Electric) donated money and services to the Plainville Town Park tree lighting for the Holidays. Jim Faille meant a lot everyone in the meeting and was close friends with the former park commissioners who had great things to say about his outstanding dedication and service to this town.

Former Park Commissioner David Bois mentioned and had a formal request to the current Park Commissioners to name the MP Field up at Field of Dreams (80 School Street) in honor of James Faille. Possibly a picture on the sign and request from the Faille Family to have the pronunciation of the last name on the sign. Shoot for 2022 spring opening day/ceremony (May) and have speakers and nice event for the Field naming. Roy Blakely made a motion to rename the MP Field after James Faille, motion was seconded by Linda Evans, all in favor unanimous decision.

John Teiner presented to the Park Commissioners the current field rental prices for organizations renting Field of Dreams (80 School Street). For field rental pricing for 2022, Roy Blakely made a motion to keep FOD rental fees the same as last year. \$60/out of town teams/AAU, \$30/KP teams, \$25 in-town baseball/softball teams, & \$15/per field for in-town soccer teams. Motion was seconded by Linda Evans.

Park Commissioners mentioned the idea of recruiting and posting a job for High School students to help out with Spring Soccer Program & after school sports/activity programs starting Fall of 2022. Also look into hiring and job posting for a Rec Assistant to replace Hannah's position as a part-time 20 hours per week during non-summer hours. Look for a teacher/professional to help out as a Rec Assistant during the summer rec program to lessen the work load and stress on the Park Director running the summer programs alone.

John Teiner sent out spring 2022 rental requests to all previous organizations and clubs who rented Field of Dreams and the Town Park in the past. Field rental requests are due by February 22nd.

Field of Dreams top projects for spring 2022: Telephone pole and sun screen behind Babe Ruth Field backstop. New benches and possible dugouts with roofs. Fix 2nd gate and gate arm between the two fields.

John Teiner presented to the Park Commissioners the current rental price for the Town Park/Pavilion for events and birthday parties. Current rate is \$25/hour, and \$50 additional charge for electricity. Roy Blakely made a motion to keep the rental price the same as last year. Motion was seconded by Jason Morneau.

Linda Evans will come down to the Park Department office and assist John Teiner with Google forms and help set up new registration process for programs with Google Forms/excel sheets.

John Teiner presented the Park Commissioners with the 2022 snowman contest idea and 2022 FREE snowman contest raffle winner to 1 family out of all the entries. Roy Blakely made a motion to approve the 2022 free family pool pass. Motion was seconded by Jason Morneau, all in favor.

Park Commissioners voted on and all agreed for John Teiner to run new programs this year 2022: Plainville adult and junior golf clinic lessons, Yoga & Fitness boot camp.

John Teiner is working with volunteer residents (Jim Small, Adrian Granite, Christina Kerrigan, Nate Weeman & Chris Rose) to install new slide at the town park playground. John Teiner reached out to Jim Small and will complete the project of the new slide before April 1st.

Park Commissioners voted on and all agreed no more memorial or funeral benches at the town park. Instead of benches look into memorial bricks or pavers. Roy Blakely made a motion to put forth this policy going forward for the Plainville Town Park (Telford Park). Motion was seconded by Linda Evans, all in favor.

John Teiner presented the Park Commissioners the FY23 Park Department town operation budget request. Request was for the full salary for the Park Director to be paid by the town operating budget along with his longevity pay including a 2% raise of (\$1,250 total increase in salary for the entire year). Roy Blakely made a motion to approve FY23 Park Department town operation budget. Motion was seconded by Linda Evans, all in favor.

Next Park Department meeting will be held on March 16th, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

Roy Blakely made a motion to adjourn at 8:27PM. The motion was seconded by Jason Morneau, all in favor.