



Parks Department Board Report

March 8, 2016 (reporting on February)

Administrative Update

- February was a very exciting month for us here at Washington Township Park. We kicked off three brand new programs and I am blown away by the success we have already had. Our Paint and Pour class had 1 over our maximum of 18 people. BINGO was an enormous success with over 125 people attending the event. We had a great response from the community for prizes and donations to the event. To wrap up this amazing month we hosted Silly Safaris workshop and saw our largest presence so far of over 250 people in attendance. I want to take this time to Recognize Alisha Gibboney our Recreation Coordinator. She has gone above and beyond for each program. She puts a lot of time and effort and it shows. I hope to see an even greater turn out for our March programming.
- In the beginning of the month there were troubles with the Aeon system here in the Pavilion Center. We were able to get an expert out here to take a look at the system and we are very pleased with the results. We found that the Co2 sensors were above the fireplace and the fireplace was putting off too much CO2. We were able to repair the fireplace and turn the sensors up to regulate the heat. Since doing this we have seen a huge change in the system and the climate of the building.
- The maintenance guys and I have been meeting to develop a tree removal plan for this spring. It is hard to tell now but there are several trees along Whipple Lane that have died due to the drought of 2012. Phase 1 includes the maintenance guys marking the trees that they can remove themselves. This will begin in mid-March depending on the weather. Phase 2 will include bringing in a tree service company to come in and remove the larger trees or trees in dangerous locations. This phase will begin at the beginning on May.

Events

Paint and Pour, Dana Smith was our instructor for the evening

- 2/12
- 6:30pm, doors opened at 6pm
- Pavilion Center, Birch Room
- \$35 per person

We had a total of 19 people in attendance; everyone enjoyed 2 glasses of wine while they painted their canvas. We will be having another Paint and Pour 06/17/2016

Bingo

- 2/18
- 6:30pm, doors opened at 6pm

- Pavilion Center, Aspen Room
- \$10, includes 6 Bingo Sheets, Coverall Sheet, and a Bingo Dauber

We had over 120 people in attendance for this event. Eric with Indy's Best Bar service was onsite for alcohol sales. The park did concessions for this event. We handed out over 30 prizes that we received as donations from local businesses.

Silly Safaris, Amazon John will be teaching us about different Reptiles and Mammals found in Indiana

- 2/25
- 6:30pm, doors opened at 6pm
- Pavilion Center, Aspen Room
- Free to the Public

Silly Safari was a free event to the public bringing in approximately 250 people total. The show lasted about 1 hour and at the end of the event the children were able to line up in front and touch all the animals. Many families asked that we consider doing this event again. I am possibly looking at doing another Silly Safari in May or June.

Future Program Planning:

- Sensory Easter Egg Hunt; designed to give children with disabilities a chance to hunt for eggs in a more controlled and quiet setting.
 - 03/19/2016
 - 9am – 12pm
 - Pavilion Center, All 3 rooms
 - Free event, but registration is required
- Adult Prom
 - 04/08/2016
 - 8pm – 11pm
 - Pavilion Center, All 3 Rooms
 - \$45/couple, must be 21+
- Fish Fryday
 - 04/22/2016
 - 6pm – 9pm
 - Upper Park
 - Free to the public

Pavilion Center Update

- Each month as a new addition to the board report, will be a breakdown of the events rented through the Pavilion Center. In addition to it be a revenue generator for the Park, it is also a great resource for our community to use and become familiar with. We are proud of the venue and the diversity of events that take place here, and want to share them with you!

2/1/16 – Insanity/Piyo Class, Park Sponsored
2/2/16 – Carpenter Realtors Meeting, ~30
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2/4/16 – Kingsway Meeting, 3
2/5/16 – Wedding Set-Up, 25, Self-Catered
2/6/16 – Wedding Ceremony & Reception, 160, The Food Guys, Linen Rental and Cleaning Package
2/7/16 – Birthday Party, 50, Self-Catered
2/8/16 – Insanity/Piyo Class, Park Sponsored
2/9/16 – Board Meeting, ~15
2/11/16 – IPRA Meeting, ~50, Chick-Fil-A
2/12/16 – Paint & Pour, ~18, Park Event
2/13/16 – Baby Shower Set-Up, ~25
2/14/16 – Baby Shower, 200, Self-Catered
2/16/16 – Carpenter Realtors Meeting, ~30
2/18/16 – Bingo, 80, Park Event
2/20/16 – Wedding Ceremony & Reception, 150, Self-Catered, Linen Rental
2/22/16 – Insanity/Piyo Class, Park Sponsored
2/23/16 – IACCRA Meeting, ~90, Break for Lunch
2/25/16 – Macaroni Kid Meeting, ~15, Self-Catered
2/27/16 – Daddy/Daughter Dance, ~200, Self-Catered, Linen Rental
2/28/16 – Bridal Shower, 50, Self-Catered
2/28/16 – Birthday Party, 75, Self-Catered
2/29/16 – Insanity/Piyo Class, Park Sponsored
2/28/15 – Project Angel, 275, Self-Catered, Linen Rental

Maintenance Update

- Please see attached document detailing the breakdown of labor hours for the current month.
Some of the major maintenance related items are identified below:
- Work with playground installer, climbing feature complete.
- Start on prepping mulch beds for spring mulching.
- Continue to cut back trees and brush in wood lines and eventually Whipple Lane.
- Meet with paving companies for quotes on Upper Park.
- Start getting quotes for mulch.
- Cut and remove fallen trees from Whipple Lane from high winds.
- No change in trails
- We have spent time this month plowing during the few pop ups of snow.

