Town of Thorntown Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Thursday, April 10, 2025

A meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board of the Town of Thorntown was called to order by Sarabi Wallace, Board President, at 1:00 PM. The meeting was held at the Thorntown Town Hall, 101 W. Main St., Thorntown, IN.

The following were in attendance:

Sarabi Wallace, Parks and Recreation Board President Haley Husk, Parks and Recreation Board Secretary Tyler Smith, Board Member Lindsey DeMass, Board Member

Business:

- A vote was called by Sarabi Wallace to approve of the meeting minutes for March 3, 2025. The resolution passed unanimously.
- The Parks and Recreation Board officially welcomed Lindsey DeMass as their newest member.
- Spring Clean-Up with the Western Boone Little League is scheduled for Saturday, April 12th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.
 - Lunches for volunteers were ordered from the Wal-Mart deli and cost \$219.19
 - Sacred Rock Creations, Titus, Kim & Chell Crochet Creations, Ray Flower Creations, and Milky Way donated items for the prizes.
- Lindsey DeMass volunteers to assist in vendor outreach for the Farmers Market.
- Farmers Market vendors must be approved before funds from sponsors can be donated. The Fraternal Order of the Eagles and Stalcop Metal Forming have offered to sponsor the event. Home National Bank and Hendrickson's International have expressed interest in sponsorship.
- Movies in the Park is discussed:

- More sponsors than expected have allowed for two additional showings on September 27, 2025 and October 31, 2025.
- Sponsors include Wright Gallery, Home National Bank, The Fraternal Order of the Eagle, Klooz Brewz, Stalcop Metal Forming, and Airytime.
- Movie permits have been requested and approved for a total of \$1,583.60 (not including Elio since it has not been released yet).
- Equipment has been ordered and received. Board Members will need to be trained on how to operate the equipment.
- Pizza King has agreed to donate 10% of concession proceeds to the Park Donation Fund.
- Banners will be ordered this week or next week for \$350 in total cost.
- Sarabi Wallace did not have time to submit a proposal for the first round of the MIBOR grants, however she does plan to submit for the second round. A vote is called by Sarabi Wallace that the proposal be submitted for the purpose of funding pavement patching on the trails. The initiative passes unanimously.
- Merril Construction has given the Park Board a quote of about \$65,000 (not including electric, water, and sewer hookup) for the construction of the bathroom at the Lion's Park. The Board discussed pursuing this option or buying an ADA compliant restroom trailer.
- BCIC will be at Town Hall on April 15th and 21st to discuss protocols for removing invasive plants and to take questions.
- Sarabi Wallace intends to call Smith Trash Services to rent a dumpster for the Culpepper and Merriweather Circus coming to town on June 5th.
- The budget shortfall for flower bed maintenance is discussed:
 - A compromise of 7.5 hours/week instead of 10 hours/week will result in a budget shortfall for \$2,500, for which additional funding will be needed.
 - The Parks Board is in agreement that utilizing the Park Donation
 Fund to make up the additional funding is not a desired outcome.

- Sarabi Wallace will contact Katie Reasoner to see if Eli Lily could donate funds.
- A vote is called by Sarabi Wallace to install Veronica St. Claire as the Children's Program Director, The initiative passes unanimously.
- Lynn Chambers expressed dissatisfaction with the current garden planters on Main St. The Park Board discussed the necessary specifications of future garden planters and will continue to look for appropriate planters to buy.
- A vote is called by Sarabi Wallace to purchase an Outdoor Bulletin Board for the park for about \$200. The initiative passes unanimously.
- The hole in the turf by the merry-go-round poses a safety risk and needs to be fixed.
- Tyler Smith is to buy two wooden planks and wood screws from Menards to fix the fence on the trail.
- A vote is called by Haley Husk to reimburse Sarabi Wallace for \$58.03 for the cost of a second phone line for Park Board business. The vote passes unanimously.

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, Sarabi Wallace called the meeting to adjournment at 2:53 PM.

Sarabi Wallace

Parks and Recreation Board President

Haley Husk

Parks and Recreation Board Secretary

Tyler Smith

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Lindsey DeMass

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