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**SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
Wednesday, March 2, 2016
7:00 p.m.
TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

Members Present: Sean Loughran (Chairman), Steve Burfeind (arrived 8:05pm), Tom Edwards, Mike Ellenberg, Mark Lamanna, Jim Ogden, Gary Remley and Fred Testor

Members Absent: Chris Van Steen

Town official present: Parks and Recreation Director Linda Lull and Director of Buildings and Grounds Bob Rzasa

Guests: Michael Kay, United Alarm Services, Inc. and Adam Czarnik, Haunting on the Hill Production Company

Call to Order- Chairman Sean Loughran called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Approval of Minutes- Jim Ogden made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Jim Ogden seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

Public Comment- Michael Kay from United Alarm gave a presentation for proposed cameras at the Town Beach. Five cameras are proposed that run approximately 330 feet from the recorder. These cameras are motion detected and will only record if there is motion. These cameras would record two to three weeks of activity with the older recordings being recorded over. There was a brief discussion of SSD vs. hard drive. The cost of these cameras is approximately \$10,000 including installation.

Tom Edwards made a motion to authorize the expenditure not to exceed \$10,600.00 to install cameras at the Town Beach. Mark Lamanna seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

Chairman Comments

Chairman Sean Loughran noted that the next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will be held on Monday, March 14th.

Drive in Movies for the summer will be discussed at tonight's meeting.

Buildings and Grounds update

Director of Buildings and Grounds Bob Rzasa noted that the media van is very unreliable and the motor is not in good shape. It may be possible to get one more season at of it if it is used locally.

There have been some thefts of dock pins at the Town Beach. Pins will be put in the bottom with locks. There is a break in the main catwalk. Public Works will repair this. Arm 4 of the docks will be reset this Spring.

The Snack Shack at the Town Beach is in bad shape and may only last one more season. There was a discussion of rebuilding with a pre fabricated modular or possibly combine the Snack Shack with the newly proposed Beach House.

There was a discussion of putting a ramp on the zoom flume at the Town Beach.

The bathrooms at Rebel Turf will be opened on or around March 19th.

The commission discussed the Capital and Nonrecurring budget for 2016-2017. Every year \$119,000 of the Parks and Rec revenue is returned to the town. Money in the Capital and Nonrecurring budget for the proposed Beach House was reduced from the budget.

Haunted Trail

Adam Czarnik gave a presentation of the proposed Haunted Trail that will be held at Great Hollow property. The proposed dates are October 14th, 15th, 21st and 22nd with October 29th to be used as a rain date. If no rain date is needed, then October 29th will be a 5th day. Props will be set up prior to the event starting October 1st. Time slot tickets will be sold online or in the office. Parks and Rec will split the tickets sales 50/50 with the Production Company. The trail will open at 7:00pm and the last time slot would be 9:00-9:30pm. Fire Police will be asked to help with the parking. The Production Company will be responsible for staffing, set up and removal of props and supplying make up and costumes. Volunteers will help staff the trail. Volunteers will be given free tickets. A group may be asked if they are interested in selling hot chocolate, cider or coffee and donuts.

The commission discussed the three different scenarios and logistics of each. Linda Lull will give an update at the next Parks and Rec meeting.

Snack Shack

There was a discussion of the cost to rebuild and there was a suggestion of the possibility of bringing in a food truck instead. It was decided to discuss this further at a meeting in the near future.

Town Beach Rules and Regulations

Gary Remley made a motion to approve the updated Town Beach Rules and Regulations. Mike Ellenberg seconded the motion.

Vote: 7-0-0 (Motion approved)

Gazebo at Playground

Fred Testor made a motion to the expenditure not to exceed \$25,000.00 for a 16' x 20' Gazebo at the Town playground including installation. Mike Ellenberg.

Tom Edwards made a motion to amend the previous motion to change the amount of the expenditure to not to exceed \$27,000.00. Gary Remley seconded the motion.

Vote to amend: 7-0-0 (Motion approved) Vote on motion as amended: 7-0-0 (Motion approved)

Drive-In movies truck

There was a discussion of the truck for the drive-in movies and it was noted that a trailer would not be a good idea. There was a discussion of purchasing a used Penske truck.

Fred Testor made a motion to raise the amount of the previous approved expenditure for the truck for the drive-in movies from \$9,000 to \$12,000. Gary Remley seconded the motion.

Vote: 7-0-0 (Motion approved)

Adjournment- Mike Ellenberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:46pm. Gary Remley seconded the motion. **Vote: 7-0-0 (Motion approved)**