

Board of Public Works and Safety
Berne City Building, 158 W Franklin Street
Tuesday, May 26, 2020
Minutes

Mayor Sprunger-Present
Ron Dull- Present

Curtis Wurster-Present

The Board of Public Works and Safety and City Attorney Dave Baumgartner met for a special meeting using GoToMeeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 5:30 pm.

Others present using GoToMeeting, City Work Force Manager Kurt Dailey; City Council Members Rod Mason and Kelly Amstutz, Pool Board President Jeff Sprunger, and members of the press.

After opening with prayer, Mayor Sprunger called the meeting to order and verified a quorum.

Approval of the Minutes: on a motion by Ron Dull and a second by Curtis Wurster, the minutes of May 20, 2020 regular meeting were unanimously approved.

Status of Lehman Park Pavilion

Mayor Sprunger led the discussion as follows:

- According to Governor Holcomb's Executive Order, the pavilion can re-open to the public on May 31st following the governor's order for the number of people allowed to gather.
- The pavilion is scheduled to host the elections on June 1st and June 2nd, having been moved from Swiss Village because of COVID-19 concerns and public access.
- The Pavilion has rentals booked in June including several that are for two parties in one day. Can the pavilion be sanitized between the two a day booking? The custodians believe they can.
- The City is looking into a backpack sanitizing system and will plan to purchase up to 3 high capacity backpack units depending on what opens back up.
- Does the City have proper PPE equipment for the custodians and others to wear when sanitizing and using the high capacity backpacks? Not at this time, but Mayor Sprunger will look into that.
- Does the Board of Public Works and Safety have any thoughts to the above?
- Dave advised the Board that they can take final action, but because these issues are sensitive to the entire community and have a cost factor involved, the board might want to make a recommendation for the full council to weigh in and vote.
- Any city venues that do reopen, signage is important as to capacity, social distancing, and any other CDC Guidelines that need to be met.

Ron Dull made a motion to recommend to council that the Pavilion re-open May 31st for bookings, that the custodians take all measures necessary for proper sanitizing of the pavilion and follow all of the Park Board's recommendations; that attendees do not exceed Governor's Holcomb's Executive order

on how many people gather and that CDC guidelines are followed, and proper signage is posted in the pavilion. Curtis Wurster made the second and the motion passed 3-0 with the following Roll Call Vote:

Curtis	Aye
Ron	Aye
Mayor Sprunger	Aye

Playground Equipment, Picnic Tables and Grills

Mayor led the discussion as follows:

Governor Holcomb's Executive Order, as it stands right now, does not allow playgrounds to open before June 14th.

Does the board want to consider opening picnic tables and grills to the public before playground equipment can re-open? Consensus is nothing in the park, other than the pavilion should be accessible until the playground equipment can safely re-open.

How can the city sanitize these areas? Using the high capacity sprayers would be used if opened back up.

How can we regulate renters using the pavilion and ensure they are not going to use the playground equipment? More yellow caution tape around playground equipment, tables and grills and inform renters at the pavilion as part of the signage.

Ron Dull made a motion recommending to council that the playground equipment, picnic tables and grills remain closed to the public until June 14th and that there is signage in the pavilion informing renters that these areas are off limits accordingly. Curtis made the second the motion unanimously was approved 3-0 by the following roll call vote:

Curtis	Aye
Ron	Aye
Mayor Sprunger	Aye

SAYL BASEBALL /SOFTBALL SEASON

Mayor Sprunger led the discussion as follows:

- The Park Board and members of SAYL met last week. Both boards had a set of guidelines, with some actions using guidelines from the National Little League guidelines.
- Are the guidelines sufficient to ensure public safety?
- What entity is going to be responsible for enforcement
- Who will take the temperature of those participating?
- Since the entire SAYL board is not meeting until May 27th to consider the Park Board guidelines and being able to adhere to them, can this board make any decision?
- Would it be better to just ask the SAYL to follow suite with surrounding communities and cancel this season?

- When the SAYL meets, should they be asked to approve a motion about this coming season by a super majority instead of a simple majority?
- If they wish to proceed, who are going to be the people responsible for meeting these requirements, it is going to take a lot of people and planning.
- If the SAYL votes to follow all of the guidelines, they will still need to come back to council for their approval.
- Who will be the SAYL point person to implement the requirements?

Curtis made a motion recommending to council that the SAYL meet, then bring a plan of implementation of how they will meet the needed requirements and to bring those to the council for final consideration. Ron made the second and the motion was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote:

Curtis	Aye
Ron	Aye
Mayor Sprunger	Aye

Discussion of the Berne Public Pool

Given that the start of the Council meeting is about to begin, and that the pool opening will also be discussed by the council in that meeting, Ron made a motion to defer discussion in the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting and to have the discussion in the council meeting to follow. Curtis made the second and the motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote as follows:

Curtis	Aye
Ron	Aye
Mayor Sprunger	Aye

Mayor Sprunger a motion to adjourn, Curtis made the second and adjournment followed.