(These minutes are not approved until the next Commission meeting.)

City of West Branch Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting August 17, 2017 West Branch City Council Chambers, 110 North Poplar Street

Commission Chairman, Shane Staker opened the regular meeting of the Park & Recreation Commission at 7:00 p.m. welcoming the audience, Commission Members Angie Miller, Liz Seydel, Mike Fryauf and Nick Goodweiler. Parks & Recreation Director Melissa Russell and City Finance Officer Gordon Edgar were also present. Commission members Douglass Klein and Beth Noe were absent.

Approve consent agenda for tonight.

Motion by Miller with second by Seydel to approve the minutes for June 15th meeting. Motion passed by voice vote.

Open Forum comments.

There were no Open Forum comments.

Director Melissa Russell – Evaluation of Mission Statement.

Director Russell read the mission statement and asked everyone to review it and come to the next meeting with recommendations for a new one.

Director Melissa Russell – Cubby Park Pavilion renderings.

Melissa Russell reviewed the Pavilion renderings she received from Nate Kass. She asked for questions that she could submit to Fehr-Graham. Questions included: What is the size of the pergola, is it 20 x 20 and on both sides of the building? Has the building been built somewhere so people could see it? Russell urged people to submit any questions they have to her.

Director Melissa Russell – Halloween Chili Supper.

Director Russell reported that this has been done for many years and at one time many organizations participated in it. That included Main Street West Branch, the West Branch Fire Department, West Branch Public Library, and the Parks and Recreation Department. Now there is a problem with being short of help and the number of children and participants has been dwindling. She asked if it could be enhanced, noting there is nothing on the school calendar for that evening. She will put out a call for volunteers and then a decision will be made at the September meeting on whether to have one this year.

Comments from Parks & Recreation Commission and Staff.

Commissioner Staker said he would like to have a work session to establish rules for the use of the baseball fields and other new facilities. He will ask that Director Russell obtain rules that other communities have for their facilities.

Adjourn.

Miller moved to adjourn, second by Seydel, carried on a voice vote. Parks and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.