



MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Monday, August 9, 2021, 6:00PM
Civic Auditorium Stage

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order by Chad Reece. Board Members present: Missy Reynolds, Mike Johnson, Mary Beth Barnes. Also present were: Rec Superintendent Sue Edmondson, Park Superintendent Todd Espeland. Absent: Jason Bruckhoff.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

New Can Bins, New Business

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Motion by Missy Reynolds. Second by Mike Johnson. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

Motion by Mary Beth Barnes. Second by Missy Reynolds. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Pammel Park Reservation with Guest Rev. Joseph Sevcik

- St. James and Arch Angels are looking to host a big event on Saturday, September 25 from 4pm-8pm
- Expecting 300-500 attendees
- Would like to rent all of Pammel Park for the event
 - Raised platform with sound system for mass
 - Inflatables for kids
 - Grills
 - Attendees will bring lawn chairs

Fundraising for Hynes Spur

- Two funds
 - Main fund- just sits and gains interest
 - Allowed to pull 4% each year to put in Quasi Fund
 - Additional tax benefits for those donating
 - Quasi Fund
 - Can be pulled from for resurfacing, etc
- Any funds raised can be put in either fund
- Fundraising ideas:
 - Host an event with specific people to share details with help of the non-profit Community Foundation
 - Community Wide Campaign
 - Sell bricks
 - Anticipated outcomes
 - Resurfacing
 - Repairs
 - Beautifying
- Dr. and Mrs. Hynes would like to make additional investments into the fund this Fall
- Trail was last resurfaced in 2014
- Concerns about asking specific members too soon after Korth portion of trail and library

- Discussion about dates location to include Hynes'
 - Early October was decided
 - Boman Fine Arts Center was decided for location
 - Missy will contact for reservation at Boman Fine Art Center

Lifeguard Discussion

- Started year with 22 guards, down to 12 due to departing for college, high school activities, and vacation
- Shut down slide when short on lifeguards
- 4 of the 6 WSI guards are not coming back next year
- Guards are asking for more money with WSI
 - Currently get \$0.25 above other guards without certification
 - Have 4 guards willing to take the WSI class

Other New Business

- New Can Bins
 - Sue got a call from Kevin Sprecher
 - He is not happy with the collection bins
 - If bins are not fixed they will not continue to pick up
 - Kevin is sending Sue pictures of what his preference is to be shared with the board

OLD BUSINESS

Rec Report, Sue

- 4-6 & 7-9 yr. old soccer & 4th-6th grade volleyball start Sept. 11th. Deadline for registration is Aug. 25th.
- Lots of good pool fun this summer with our Middle School & Elem. Pool Parties & 45 member swim team.

Park Report, Todd

- Merrick Park play structure is ordered
 - Delivery in Fall, install in Spring
 - Todd will try to start groundwork in Fall
 - Parking bumpers have been painted and cleaned up
 - Will be bringing in some rock for parking area
- Tree trimming at Founders Park
- Fence topper installed at Pammel Park
- Disc Golf Tournament this upcoming weekend
 - Discussion of what needs they may have for their course
 - Todd said they have not asked him for anything even when he has asked
 - Course is rated within the top 10 in the state
 - Course information is on an app
- Farmers Market is temporarily moving to Pammel Park while the parking lot is being redone at Welcome Center
- Korth Trail Update
 - Groundwork should begin by the end of the week
- Gaylord Wooge Service Award
 - Todd is struggling with venue
 - He is going to ask Jason to reach out to Chad

- DNR tree inventory
 - Town is infested with Emerald Ash Borer
 - Greg from DNR said in the next three years the town will look awful
 - Todd has a meeting with Greg next week to get more information
 - Report has been sent to the state and it will take a long while to get back
 - Todd is estimating 120 ash trees in just the parks alone
 - Only ash trees in the campground
 - Discussion of potentially needing additional summer staff in the upcoming years

ESPN Fund

- \$43,412.12

Other Old Business

- None

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Motion made by Mike Johnson. Second by Missy Reynolds. Motion carried.