

CITY OF NEW CASTLE PARK BOARD MINUTES

JANUARY 2, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patty Broyles, Dave Nantz, and John Henderson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sandy Scott

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Greg York, Mayor's Assistant Kendra Kennedy, and Director of Public Works Dave Barker

Mayor Greg York opened this meeting at 5:30pm.

Mayor York asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the former meeting. Dave made a motion to accept the minutes as presented from November's meeting. Second by John. Motion carried (3-0)

There were not minutes to approve in December due to lack of quorum.

Dave made a motion to leave the Election of Officers the same for 2018. Second by John. Motion carried (3-0)

Patty will remain President and Dave Vice President.

NEW BUSINESS

Patty noted the food and beverage grant is almost completed. The observation deck is completed and there will be another deck built on the other side. Bonnie's shelter is coming along as well. Patty asked about the status of the restrooms. The Mayor indicated the restrooms will be placed on a trailer and that trailer will be removed of a night to avoid vandalism. The Mayor said he is in the process of building these restrooms and more details will be available once they are close to being completed. The security is also being worked on with ASI and majority of that bill will come from the City's budget, not the food and beverage grant. Patty noted that the Osborne Park equipment has been purchased and we are awaiting delivery. We have paid half down and the remaining bill will be paid upon delivery. The equipment was purchased with a grant from the Henry County Community Foundation and Riverboat.

Patty stated that the former skate park fencing at Osborne Park has been removed and there is torn up pavement remaining. Patty mentioned removing that pavement and planting grass seed over it or gravel. Something needs to be done so we do not have to maintain that area. Patty asked about the parking at the football field in Osborne Park and the Mayor stated that the football will be moved to Memorial Park and it will not be an issue any longer.

Patty noted that Hospital Heights has a piece of equipment needing painted and they are also requesting a volleyball court. They said they would maintain the area if we provide striping and

the net to get them started. Mayor York agreed to provide this to them. They have also requested fencing along the north side of the basketball court. The Mayor stated we could put fencing up that we already have.

Dave mentioned the park benches that we will be selling in the spring. He created an order form for residents to fill out if they would like to purchase a bench. Prices are still being worked out. We are waiting to know the exact cost of the benches to the City and the plaque that will be placed on the bench. We will know more details by next meeting.

Patty would like to start promoting the City Tree Donation Fund again. It is \$100 for a tree and a plaque to be placed in one of our parks.

Patty mentioned the park shelter fees and the board's thoughts on generating more revenue. We currently rent our shelters out for free to churches, schools, 501C3's and non-profits. Patty suggested we ask for some type of donation be required to rent the facilities. Discussion followed on this subject.

John noted that the Memorial Wall is ready to move forward once grant funding is received.

Patty noted that the board needs a rendering to go by before moving forward. The board agrees that the memorial wall should be dedicated as a memory to all local residents who have passed not solely for veterans. The Mayor agreed the board needs several renderings and then a vote will be made which to proceed with.

Patty noted the city's comprehensive plan will have a section dedicated to the parks. Our 5 year park master plan is up for renewal in 2020 to keep an active status with the DNR. Sandy is currently working on corrections to our current plan.

MAYOR'S REPORT

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dan announced the department has purchased 3 new mowers. Also, 21 trees have been cut down, all restrooms have been tore down, and all the damaged equipment has been taken down from the parks.

CITIZEN CONCERNS

Councilman Dicken made a suggestion to have all of the parks department mowing contracted out to help with man power and work flow. The board held discussion over this subject. It was agreed upon that extra help would be beneficial but there are several cons to this idea. The board appreciated the idea.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:25PM, NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 5, 2018