

CITY OF NEW CASTLE PARK BOARD MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Greg York, Mayor's Assistant Kendra Kennedy, and Park Superintendent-Mike Bergum

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. Patty made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Sandy. Motion carried (4-0)

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

The Food and Beverage Grant will be completed by the end of October. We have two months to spend the remaining funds. The skate park will be closed for a week to do fall maintenance. The deck will be sealed and cleaned during this process. The restrooms will be completed this fall but not officially open until Spring. Maintenance on the fence and block painting will be this Fall also.

Sandy completed and submitted the grant to the Henry County Community Foundation in hopes to certify 40 Lifeguards and provide uniforms / textbooks for the 2019 pool season. The grant request was for \$10,200. We will know if we are awarded this grant by September 15th. We are looking to certify students, retirees, stay at home parents, etc to become Lifeguards. It is important we keep our pool open as long as we can. This grant funding will do just that.

Hospital Heights received the new/used equipment two weeks ago. Mike noted the fencing and poles for volleyball are ready to install also. Mariah Allen noted that they are still having trouble with kids/young adults being at the park late at night. The board discussed that proper signage needs posted to reflect park hours and rules.

Osborne Park has the location set for the 4-Bay swing. We are currently searching quotes and prices for this equipment.

Ed Hill came before the board to advise of the new trail that will be going in. This trail will pass through Osborne Park as it ends on Hillsboro Road. This trail grant is for \$380,000 and is a part of the Safe Routes to School Grant through the State of Indiana. The board thanked Ed for his efforts and are excited to have this extra amenity to the park.

Brenda passed out information on park financials from 2016-2018. Mike and Patty will be sitting down with Clerk-Treasurer, Christy York to discuss 2019 budget and what the parks needs are.

Day of Caring is Friday, September 7th and the park board is eager to have help in our parks. The volleyball team will also be helping with sorts caps for the park benches. Once this is done, we can move forward with transporting the caps to Evansville to have our benches made.

A park survey was completed last Spring and a few participants requested a basketball goal at North Main Street Park. Mayor York noted there is a piece of steel in that area that would have to be removed before a basketball goal could be placed. There is a possibility that we could have an extra goal after replacing and maintaining goals at the other parks. Patty asked the board to give this some thought and the subject would be revisited.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Concrete was poured at the new Baker Park bathroom this past week and the new door will be placed soon. The steel barriers and fence will be painted at the skate park along with seal coating and patchin next week. The canopy for Bonnie Peckinpaugh will be worked on as well.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mike personally thanked Sandy for her efforts on submitting the grant to the HCCF. Thank you to city staff and workers on installing the Hospital Heights new/used equipment. Looking forward to Day of Caring and what will be accomplished.

CITIZEN CONCERNS

Scott Frost noted that he had family in town a few weeks ago and Baker Park was very busy. People were at the skate park, the dog park, an event was being held on Main Street by a local church that was heavily trafficked and it was nice to see the community out and utilizing our local park.

Karl Poynter came before the board to request the approval and use of the skate park on September 29th. He is wanting to host a large scale skate board/bike event. It would begin at 2pm-? He would expect over 200 people from out of town. This would give a lot of promotion to New Castle and our Skate Park. It will be open to the public with prizes for all ages. The board discussed this and thanked Karl for the heads up and using our local skate park. There was not a vote taken on this subject. Chief Schofield will be notified of this event as a heads up to his officers.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:13PM, NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 1, 2018