

CITY OF NEW CASTLE PARK BOARD MINUTES

MAY 6, 2019

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor's Assistant Kendra Kennedy, Park Superintendent-Mike Bergum, and Bookkeeper-Brenda Grider

Kendra opened this meeting at 5:30pm.

Kendra asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the former meeting. Dave made a motion to accept the minutes from the former meeting. Second by John. Motion carried (2-1) (with Patty abstaining)

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Patty opened the meeting by addressing the current park's budget. April was an amazing month for the Quality of Life in New Castle.

The Duke Energy/Robert Dye Tree Restoration Project was a huge success and another example of making a difference in the community.

Bark in the Park was held at Baker Park on Saturday, April 27th along with the FUN Park 20th Anniversary event. Linda Bir Conn of the Henry County Humane Society came before the Park Board to thank Mike and the board for their efforts in this great event. Two dogs were adopted as a result of this event. There were 40 dogs and 55 walkers that participated. All sponsorship went to the Humane Society.

The Aquatic Center is almost ready to open for the season. Opening day will be Saturday, May 25th. All of the lifeguards are certified and ready to begin work. Also, Mike noted to the board that the pool schedule has changed slightly for the 2019 season. The hours will be normal except for Tuesday and Thursday. The hours will be from Noon-7:00pm, in hopes of attracting patrons who want to come after they get off of work. Admission will be the same as always, \$2.00 for everyone and chair rental of \$1.00. Patty made a motion to approve the 2019 Aquatic Center schedule. Second by Sandy. Motion carried (4-0)

There will be a new Corn hole Stadium in the grassy area behind the pool. This is the first year for this amenity and we are excited to see how well it is perceived. The shelter in honor of Bonnie Peckinpaugh has recently broken ground. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony

planned once it is completed. Dave made a motion in favor of the recently built corn hole stadium and Bonnie's shelter. Second by John. Motion carried (4-0)

Little Blessings will continue their efforts in providing a park bench and children's reading book for North Main Street Park, Hospital Heights, and Lowe Park. It was a huge success last year and they want to continue this amenity for the community.

We are still collecting bottle caps for park benches. June 1st is the deadline but we will still collect caps a few days after if any are received.

The new bike pump station is next on the To-Do List to install at the Skate Park. It is already marked and will be located on the North side of the Skate Park. A special thank you to the family of Archie and Hilda Frost, especially Scott Frost for their generous donation.

MAYOR'S REPORT

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mike reiterated his thanks and appreciation to Duke Energy for their generous donation. He also thanked the board and everyone involved for the Bark in the Park event. Since it was a great success it will take place again next year. Mike noted that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the corn hole stadium and Bonnie's shelter.

CITIZEN CONCERNS

None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:01PM, NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 3, 2019.