

CITY OF NEW CASTLE PARK BOARD MINUTES

APRIL 1, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Nantz, Sandy Scott, John Henderson and Todd Myers

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

Dave Nantz opened this meeting at 5:30pm.

Dave asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the former meeting. Sandy made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second by John. Motion passed 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

The Solar Eclipse is next Monday, April 8th. The City is prepared and ready for the events.

The Leases for Softball, NC Little League, New Castle/Henry County Youth Baseball League (Babe Ruth) are ready to be signed by the organizations/park board. Mike Bergum presented (2) leases for board signature. Any organization/league is required to maintain an insurance policy of general liability with a limit of liability for bodily injury or property damage suffered by third parties in an amount of no less than \$2,000,000.00. The City will maintain the outside of the fence with mowing, etc. The organizations/leagues will be responsible for inside the fence. The City will maintain the exterior buildings such as roof needs, etc. Mike is also working with the school corporation on their lease. They hold games, practices, dances, etc that need insurance coverage. This lease will include parks/armory.

Mike noted that the Aquatic Center is gearing up for Summer season. Lifeguards are already in the midst of their certification classes. The Parks and Recreation will begin de-winterizing the pump house, splash pad, and pits in the coming weeks. The pool will be filled the end of April/first of May. We have a roster of 30+ lifeguards. The pool opens for the season Tuesday, May 28th.

The Skate Park lights have been updated and functioning. The before and after pictures of this addition is outstanding. This was much needed for the skate park/basketball court area. The new lights and fixtures along with just replacing light bulbs with LED lights have made a big difference. The new lights create additional security as it is more lit up in the evening. The LED lights are going to save the parks department with energy costs monthly. With this addition, this will open the door to updating lighting in the parks. Dave asked about a shade structure possibly on the skate park deck. Mike noted that it has been talked about and it may be a future project.

MAYOR'S REPORT

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mike noted he has spoken with Clerk-Treasurer Ashley Huffman regarding the bond funds. Mike stated there is \$120,000.00 left to spend by July 1st. This will go towards tying up loose ends for the skate park bathrooms and looking towards adding security cameras at the skate park and new playground.

CITIZEN CONCERNS

None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:50PM, NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 6, 2024.