

CITY OF NEW CASTLE PARK BOARD MINUTES

AUGUST 3, 2021

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Henderson

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

Kendra opened this meeting at 5:30pm.

Kendra asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the former meeting. Patty made a motion to accept the minutes from the former meeting. Second by Dave. Motion carried (3-0).

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Patty noted that the Bond for the parks is on track and according to schedule. Mike added that we recently signed an Engagement Letter Agreement Related to Services with Baker Tilly.

Baker Tilly is seeking a bond rating for the bonds in order to secure the best interest rates possible. The bond sale is currently anticipated to be September 8 with a final closing (and funding) on or about September 22. No additional public approvals are required. The dates Lisa has listed below is still the plan. We plan to send out a draft of the official statement to the working group later this week.

The Park Board adopted a reimbursement resolution which means any funds spent prior to the issuance of the bonds can be reimbursed from bond proceeds. Therefore, certain projects moving forward prior to closing, would be fine as long as any contract signed is for an amount that the City could pay for in the event the bonds were not issued for any reason (taxpayer suit or Sept. 11 type of event that shuts down the market).

The Aquatic Center is officially closed for the 2021 season. The splash pad will remain open for a little while as chemicals remain. Barton Pool Company will be coming back to do a post season inspection. There is more work to be done, including the pump room.

We are looking at scheduling lifeguard classes this fall/winter to begin working on the next year roster. There will also be a post season manager meeting held soon regarding the 2021 season.

The Henry County Health Department partnered with the Aquatic Center last week to give away water and sunscreen. They also took notes of children needing updated vaccinations. This event was well received and will be something that will happen annually.

The Ted Fitzgerald Trail is nearing completion with a walk through to be held this coming Thursday, 8/5. Signage and barriers will be added soon. Mr. Peckinpugh noted that there will be a ceremony held on Sunday, August 29th at 3:00pm to dedicate the new trail.

Homecoming will be held on September 11th this year. The Southwest Corner of Baker Park will be decorated as alumni approach the Fieldhouse.

The board discussed moving the next park board meeting to Monday, September 20th. Patty made a motion to make this change with Dave seconding. Motion carried (3-0).

We will look to close the shelters for the 2021 season around Halloween, weather permitting. We will also begin taking park shelter reservations for the 2022 season on Monday, November 15th.

MAYOR'S REPORT

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

None

CITIZEN CONCERNS

Scott Frost noted that the Bicentennial for New Castle Henry County will be next year and there will be a Knock Out Event at the Fieldhouse on June 25, 2022. He requested to have all shelters reserved at Baker Park for food trucks, dj's, etc. More details for this event to follow.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:50PM, NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 20, 2021.