

CITY OF NEW CASTLE PARK BOARD MINUTES

JANUARY 4, 2022

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

Mayor 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 from the November meeting. Second by Sandy with John abstaining as he was absent. Motion carried (3-0)

Mayor York noted that Election of Officers would take place as the 2022 year begins. Dave nominated Patty to continue as President. Second by Sandy. Motion passed (4-0)

John nominated Dave to continue as Vice President. Second by Sandy. Motion passed (4-0)

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mike Bergum provided a Year in Review covering the topics listed below. He was quick to point out the support of the Park Board, City Council and the Administration as contributors to the Departments success. As 2021 came to a close, the "team" is looking forward to a great 2022.

Picnic Table Project	Bond Project
Pool Renovation	Osborne Park Tree Planting
Installation of new equipment in Baker	Lifeguard Certification
Removal of old equipment in Baker	Action Park entrance
Winter Walking Club	Luminaires in the Park
Park Partners	Pointer Brothers events
Main St. Park sign	Robert Retiring
Dave Allen – Property Management Class	Pool season
Bluegrass at Baker Park	

Budget Review

2021 budget is in the books. Patty stressed the importance of the \$50,000 line item that is necessary for the success of the Department. Mike is compiling the 2022 \$50,000 list to be presented at the February Board Meeting. If members of the Board have suggestions/recommendations they can get them to him prior to the meeting.

Mike informed the Board of Works that the Parks and Recreation Department will be applying for the Food and Beverage Grant. The goal from the grant money is to improve the softball facility at Osborne Park. The matching money needed for the grant will come from money that was allocated to the project within the bond.

The Little League Softball lease has been signed and received. The lease was revised and updated by Joel Harvey. The new lease provides clarity for both the City of New Castle and the newly organized Little League Softball program.

Bond Update

Projects that have been completed

Repay RDC for the pool renovation, Baker Park Paving

Projects scheduled for the winter/spring

Bids will be advertised for stump removal, tree removal, the construction of the Armory front doors and a new riding mower. Bids will be opened at the February meeting.

The topic of the New Castle Sports Action Park expansion was discussed. The first question was to clarify the start of the project. Joel Harvey provided some background and information for design/build aspect of getting started. The Board agreed to hire Hunger Skateparks to do the conceptual concept along with developing the construction specifications. The cost of their service will be \$12,000. The expansion goals are to include; design and build a pump track, provide an all-ability facility, finish all aspects of the Action Park and be noted as one of the largest parks in the region. The items to consider are budget, size and amenities. Patty made a motion to approve the contract with Hunger. Second by Dave. Motion carried (4-0)

Shelter reservation and pool party reservations are being taken for the 2022 season.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor York noted that he is excited for this new year and what 2022 will bring for the City of New Castle.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

See old/new business.

CITIZEN CONCERNS

NONE

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:15PM, NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 7, 2022.