

CITY OF NEW CASTLE PARK BOARD MINUTES

APRIL 4, 2022

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

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. Patty made a motion to accept the minutes from the former meeting. Second by Dave. Motion passed (4-0)

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Patty opened the meeting by discussing the skate park and the phase II schematic concept rendering provided by Hunger. Discussion followed. A final concept drawing will be presented at the May Board meeting. The bid process will follow. Dave Nantz brought up some questions about drainage and maintenance.

The Parks and Recreation Department has applied for the Food and Beverage Grant for Osborne Park. This grant will provide \$200k in park upgrades along with Trojan Lane for \$118,000, lower diamonds little league- \$150,000 and the sports complex for \$1,000,000. Discussion followed. The \$200,000 will be used for the infields, fencing, dugouts, pathways. The Project will be built within the allotted budget. A timeline will be established starting according to priority. The build will make sure the facility remains playable throughout the season. The offseason will see the bulk of the renovation.

Patty stated that she followed up on the Pickleball Courts and there are not funds in an account for improvements. Bids are being gathered and the award will be made soon. After board discussion it was agreed upon it is the parks department responsible for repairs and maintenance. Dave made a motion to use funds from the \$50,000 to resurface the courts. Second by Sandy. Motion passed (4-0)

The Park's Department has partnered with the High School to work on the Miracle League Diamond and the second Diamond. The Varsity team will eventually move to the second Diamond once it is renovated. The renovation includes a new infield surface and fencing. Minor upgrades were also made around the facility. A special thanks to the Park staff and Greg Phipps staff for providing some finishing touches.

Patty noted that lights in the shelter houses need to be looked into. The Bluegrass Music uses Baker 1 (Dick Leitch Shelter) and has noted the need for new lights. The board agreed to look into lighting.

Mike noted that the Park's Department has received a grant from Duke Energy for \$5,000 to aid in the playground expansion by Baker 1 and Baker 2 Shelter's. There will be tree removal in the area, as well as, 5 new ADA picnic tables placed.

The Aquatic Center will open for the season May 31st-July 31st. We have a full roster of lifeguards and concession stand workers. The lifeguards received a raise this year for all of their efforts. Two lifeguard classes will take place this spring to recertify and certify guards.

Questions concerning the Poynter Brother's Easter Egg hunt were addressed.

The 1st Annual Archies 5K Fun Run was talked about.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor stated the City Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 16th at 1:00pm in the Fieldhouse parking lot. This will be a rain or shine event.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

NONE

CITIZEN CONCERNS

Carrie Barrett and Scott Frost came before the board to give an update on Bicentennial event in June. There will be full events at Baker Park during the day and at the Fieldhouse.

Councilman Hancock came before the board to thank the parks department for their efforts in taking over the pickleball courts maintenance and repairs.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:25PM, NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 2, 2022.