

## CITY OF NEW CASTLE PARK BOARD MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patty Broyles, Dave Nantz, Sandy Scott, and 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. Sandy 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 introducing Justin McCrobie from Troop 465 Eagle Scouts. He recently completed an Eagle Scout Project at Osborne Park Woods. He and help from his family cleared the pathway in the woods, replaced benches, and cut back over growth for patrons to be able to walk and enjoy the scenery. Justin also updated signage in the area as well. He and his family have well over 500 hours in this project. He passed around before, during, and after pictures to the board. The board thanked Justin and his family for their efforts. Efforts like this are what helps our Parks safe and welcoming to patrons.

Patty noted that the Skate Park expansion is still in the rendering phase and hopefully will be awarding the bid next month. We are working to get new lighting in the area, as well. Attorney, Joel Harvey attended this meeting to brief the board on how the bidding process will occur with the Skate Park and Osborne Park fields. Attorney Harvey is working on the legalities specifically for the bids for the Osborne Park fencing and the In-Field project. Mike noted that the In-field repair and fence repair are of top priority and notice to bid will be mailed to contractors ASAP. Bids for these projects will be opened at the October meeting. In the meantime, we will revisit the Skate Park project, as costs continue to rise, we will need to revise our plans to fit within our budget means. Patty made a motion to have the bids for the Osborne Park project go out ASAP and have the bid opening at the October meeting with Dave seconding.

Motion passed (4-0)

Sandy also made a motion to approve the bidding process for the skate park while tweaking any plans to stay within our budget. Second by John. Motion passed (4-0)

Mike noted that the Disc Golf equipment is in and the tee boxes will be set and poured soon. The baskets are currently being built to place the equipment. The High School Property Management Class has helped with the tee box process. The "hole signs" are currently in process of being made, as well.

The Pickleball Courts are still waiting to be seal coated. The current Pickleball Association has not returned calls from the Park Superintendent regarding the upgrading of the courts. Attorney Harvey advised to make one last attempt at reaching the members and if no success, their contract will be considered "Void".

New equipment at Baker Park is ready to be installed with safety mulch. We are actively seeking this safety mulch that is required to install the ADA equipment.

The 3 lots on North Main Street that was named a park several years ago, was approved by the Board of Works (9/6) to be transferred to the Landbank. This will help alleviate the maintenance of the area that has not been a park for several years and get back in the tax base. Patty made a motion to accept the Board of Works request to transfer properties to the Landbank with Sandy seconding. Motion passed (4-0)

City Council recently approved \$25,000 from ARP funds for tree removal at the Cemetery, Baker, and Osborne Parks. The board thanked City Council for the donation to help the parks and cemetery.

Patty noted that the board received a thank you card from the Henry County Bicentennial Group for allowing the events to happen in Baker Park. A donation has been made on our behalf at the Henry County Community Foundation.

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

None

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Noted in old/new business.

#### **CITIZEN CONCERNS**

None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:20PM, NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 3, 2022.