

CITY OF NEW CASTLE PARK BOARD MINUTES

MARCH 6, 2023

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

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 approve 11-7-22, 11-21-22, 12-5-22, and 1-3-23 minutes. Second by Dave. Patty also made a motion to approve 2-6-23 minutes. Second by Todd.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Henry County Community Foundation Grant

Our proposal was accepted and is now in the grant writing stage. The grant is due on March 17. As of now there are 23 lifeguards signed up in the respective classes to be re-certified or certified. Classes are on March 19, April 23 and May 21.

Osborne Park Update

The softball diamonds at Osborne Park continue to move forward. Projects are falling into place and items on the "To Do List" are being completed. Weather permitting the fencing portion of the project should be completed within the next two weeks. Once the fencing is completed the facility will be playable! There still be many little things that will need to be accomplished. We will be growing into the softball season.

Skate Park

Hunger Skateparks, the contractor awarded the expansion bid, has moved up the start time for breaking ground. It is their hope to begin by April 1. The Parks Department is in the process of doing some site work at the location in preparation of Hungers arrival. Some project logistics need to be finalized as the plans get underway. Patty stated that Hunger is looking for lodging options as they will be here for several months to complete this project addition.

Lowe Park

Issues at the Lowe Park shelter have been addressed. The shelter has been repurposed and upgraded to limit vandalism and endorse safety. It is the Departments goal to promote the Lowe Park shelter as a family friendly location and an area to enjoy within our community.

Spring Cleaning

A lot of work goes into the spring season and many projects fall into place as the weather gets better. Most of these projects are started in the winter months and come to fruition after the work plan was put into place. Projects that have been completed and sometimes go unnoticed include: trimming trees and removal of stumps on Cherrywood, new mulch in playgrounds at Osborne Park, removal of unsafe playground equipment in Baker Park, 50 plus stumps removed in Baker Park, shelter repairs and installation of parking bumpers in Baker Park.

The disc golf course is near completion. All of the tee pads and hole signs have been installed. Some housekeeping items need to be address to complete the project, but the course is playable and drawing a lot of attention. The course will go live next week on the UDisc app which should create some additional enthusiasm.

Mike Bergum, Parks Superintendent stated the disc golf course is a project that our department has taken a lot of pride in over the progression of the last five months. The course has brought a new prospective to Baker Park. Once the project is completed, I believe it will reap the rewards of our efforts.

The Parks Department is close to finalizing the facility usage agreements with respective parties using City facilities. Some small details need to be tweaked for the benefit of everyone involved. These agreements are just another sign of progress in our department and for the betterment of local leagues in our community.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor York stated that Jeff Kundert of Westminister is retiring after 20+ years of service and we will be honoring him at the council meeting in April for his hard work and dedication to New Castle.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

None

CITIZEN CONCERNS

None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:10PM, NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 3, 2023.