

## **CITY OF NEW CASTLE PARK BOARD MINUTES**

**APRIL 3, 2023**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Todd Myers, Dave Nantz, John Henderson, 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. Sandy made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Todd. Motion carried (4-0)

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Proposed speed bump project in Baker Park**

Purpose – safety

Increased traffic, playground expansion, disc golf and overall increase use of the park Lee Walker, Chief Schofield and Rex Peckinpaugh have been notified of this proposal

And are in agreeance it is needed. There are two types of speed bumps - Rubber and Asphalt. They both cost about the same amount. There are 6 proposed locations

Throughout Baker Park. Dave noted with the additions made in Baker Park along with the increased activities, it is prudent to pay attention to safety issues in the park. Speed bumps are a low-cost solution to slowing down traffic and protecting the patrons in the park. Dave made a motion to order up to (8) pre fab speed bumps to

Test them out. Second by John. Motion carried (4-0)

#### **Osborne Park Paving Project**

Quotes were requested from four companies. Mike is working with Director of Public Works, Dave Barker on this project. The bids will be taken under advisement to make sure the scope of the work is accurate. We will award this project as soon as possible.

Mike stated the paving project at Osborne Park is not very glamorous but when completed it will be another major upgrade to the park. It is remarkable how little things go a long way in changing the complexion of a facility.

Sandy made a motion for Mike to work with Dave Barker in accepting a qualified bid to move forward with this project. Second by Todd. Motion carried (4-0)

#### **Earth Day Plans**

Mike stated it is the Parks Department goal this year to plant 40 trees in respective parks to celebrate Earth Day, which is recognized on April 22. Some of the trees planted in Baker Park will be part of the disc golf course turf management program. Other trees

in different parks will fall into the Tree Plan schedule. The Department is in the process of removing approximately 20 dead trees from our parks. Sandy stated It is wonderful to see the Parks Department play a role in the Earth Day celebration this spring. Earth Day is not something we celebrate once a year, it is part of our yearlong philosophy.

## **Updates**

Pickle Ball Courts – work is being done on the pickle ball courts as we speak. The material that was used last fall to repair some of the cracks did not work as expected. That issue is being resolved. The courts should be completed very soon.

Skate Park – Hunger arrived last week and broke ground on the expansion project. The project is expected to take three months to complete. Plans are being tweaked to also included updating/upgrading the entrance along with establishing pathways for the facility.

Baker Park Playground Expansion – the area for the new playground has been excavated and marked. There will be some site work done by our department prior to the installation of the playground equipment. That work will probably be completed by the end of April. The equipment installation is slated for mid-May.

Osborne Park Softball Complex – to date the infield work and fencing for the three big fields has been completed. The fencing for the fourth field is now underway. There are a lot of small details that are still being worked on. With the recent weather, the fields have proved to hold their own and are much more playable than they were in years past.

John noted the number of projects going on within the Parks Department right now is remarkable. The upgrades, makeovers and new additions to our parks are going to be wonderful assets to our community

Todd also stated as a new Park Board member, it is great to see an action plan within our Parks Department and projects getting completed. The impact that our parks make in our city is invaluable.

The Rock – play at the disc golf course has been overwhelming and rewarding. The number of rounds played and people playing is far more than ever expected. The course is 99% completed. There will be continued maintenance items that will be addressed during the summer season.

Baker Pool – lifeguard classes continue. Certified 8 guards on March 19<sup>th</sup>, there are 14 individuals enrolled in the April 23<sup>rd</sup> class and 7 slated for the May 21<sup>st</sup> class. The pool will open on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

None

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

None

**CITIZEN CONCERNS**

None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:10PM, NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 1, 2023.