

CITY OF NEW CASTLE PARK BOARD MINUTES

MAY 1, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patty Broyles, Todd Myers, 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. Patty stated the approval of previous meeting minutes would be approved at the June meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike stated that the new speed bumps for Baker Park have been ordered and will be placed by Baker 2 Shelter house as a test to see how it works out.

The Park's Department has planted 30 new trees in Baker Park in the last few weeks.

The Pickleball Courts are ready for the sealing coat to be put on. The company who performed the work last year stated they will not come back until the temperature stays consistent.

The new Disc Golf Course is proving to be an excellent addition to Baker Park. Many citizens and out of town folks are utilizing this new amenity. Through the new App, it has been noted that in April alone, 195 rounds of disc golf have been played along with 15 players traveled more than 50 miles to play our course. This is just a few of the stats this new App gives us.

The new playground equipment for Baker Park was delivered today. The surface area has been built up and will need to have a drainage area and curbs poured before it can be placed. It is our hope this will all be done by the end of May.

The Aquatic Center is set to open on May 30th. The lifeguards are all set and the last round of certification classes is on May 21st. We received \$2,000 from the Henry County Community Foundation to help towards these classes and lifeguard uniforms. All but 2 pool parties are booked for the 2023 season. Parties are in June in July, Monday's and Thursday's.

The Little League Fields had their opening day a few weeks ago and it was a huge success. There were around 500 kids on the fields. The Red Hot Blues sang the National Anthem and it was nice to see the community come together for our youth.

The expansion of the Skate Park is underway. Hunger is working diligently on this project, daily. 75% of the grading is completed and 2 concrete pours have been done. The overhead wiring for lighting above the Skate Park has been removed and placed to the alley source in the back.

Osborne Park has seen many upgrades in the last several months. From the paving, to the Girls Little League Fields, and sprucing up around the trail.

The Softball Fields still have the dugouts to complete but all the contractor work has been completed. The opening day for the girls was this past weekend.

The rules for all Parks in New Castle are as follows:

- *Parks are Closed from Dusk to Dawn
- *Speed Limit 15 MPH
- *No Alcohol, Smoking, Or Vaping (this includes Ball Parks)
- *Pets must be on a leash and cleaned up after
- *No Fires, Fireworks, or Weapons
- *No excessive noise or loud music
- *No Littering

The non-emergency number for the 911 Dispatch is 765-529-4890 should you have any concerns over someone breaking these rules.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Spring Fair at Baker Park will be May 3-7 (weather permitting).

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mike echoed the work done in Osborne Park, paving, added stone to the edges, and the basketball court/parking lot renovations.

CITIZEN CONCERNS

Josh Estelle came before the board to address concerns over the Girls Softball Fields at Osborne Park. The dugouts still need to be completed and without this, it becomes a safety issue for the kids. There are also muddy areas in the back field where a player fell while playing. This league is 7 weeks with practice/games almost daily. Josh stated he is waiting on hard numbers for a quote to finish the (8) dugouts. He will work with Mike and the Park Board for a resolution on the remaining work needed.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:26PM, NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 5, 2023.