

CITY OF NEW CASTLE PARK BOARD MINUTES

AUGUST 5, 2024

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Greg York, Park Superintendent Mike Bergum, and Mayor's Assistant Kendra Kennedy

Patty opened this meeting at 5:30pm.

Patty made a motion to approve May meeting minutes. Second by Sandy. Motion carried (3-0)

Patty noted that June meeting minutes will be approved at the September meeting once more board members are present to vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Patty began the meeting that the parks are welcome and safe and we collaborate with the schools' athletic programs, little league baseball/softball, humane society, church's, 501C3/Non-profits, and businesses.

Mike is working with Clerk-Treasurer Ashley Huffman on the 2025 Park Budget. This includes the parks, pool, armory, bond funds, \$50,000 maintenance, non-reverting/rental fees.

Patty noted that Trojan Lane looks great and asked if there was a plan to renovate the wall at the corner of Trojan Lane and Ross Street. Mike noted that he is working with staff to do a lot of this work in house to keep costs minimal. He passed a rendering around to the board members to give them an idea of what he is proposing to do. The board agreed this renovation will spruce the corner up and be a welcomed touch to the Trojan Lane Project.

ASI has installed the security cameras at Baker Park/Skate Park. They are up and running. There will be a meeting with NCPD to get camera coverage on their devices to help monitor the areas. Half of the cost has been paid. The other half may come from non-reverting funds and or bond funds.

Mike presented the board with numbers to upgrade the pickleball courts. The goal is to upgrade the existing courts so we do not lose them and we can continue to improve the facility. Two quotes were given, Leslie Coating proposed an estimate to better the current courts of \$72,000. PCC Sports proposed an estimate to better current courts and add new. The quote was for \$378,530.00. The board agreed this maintenance will take time as it was not in the previous budgets as it was not initially put in by the parks department but by private donors. Patty stated we will do what we can when we can.

Mike presented the board with an overview of the Aquatic Center for the 2024 pool season. It was the highest attendance since 2019. They were closed 5 days out of the season. By raising the admission fee \$1.00 to a total of \$3.00 per person. It generated \$14,915 in funds. This was a fair and

good move by the board. The concession stand was closed 9 days of the season and netted over \$10,000.00. Mike said it was a great season for both and he has ideas for concessions next year. He also noted he is waiting to receive our 10% from the Tropical Shaved Ice.

Mike noted that the library hosted a summer program in Baker and Osborne Parks for story time for kids. It was the second year they have had this program and it was a success.

Mike stated that he has written a proposal for donor who is going to donate \$7,500 to the story walk project at the Ted Fitzgerald Trail. This will be an amazing addition to the Fitzgerald Trail and Osborne Park. Councilman Jerry Walden thanked Mike and his efforts to help beautify the park on the North side of town. The residents truly enjoy the new amenities.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No Report

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

See new business

CITIZEN CONCERNS

None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:20PM, NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 3, 2024.