

CITY OF NEW CASTLE PARK BOARD MINUTES

May 5, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patty Broyles, Dave Nantz and John Henderson

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

Patty opened this meeting at 5:30pm.

Dave moved to approve the minutes from April. Second by John. Motion carried (3-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Patty opened the meeting discussing the new Disc Golf Course, The Pebble. It is a great addition to The Rock Disc Golf Course. A great article was featured on Facebook and Henry County Destination.

The board looked over a letter from NCCSC regarding the lease of the softball fields in Baker Park. Dr. Shoemaker noted that the school will install lighting and assume maintenance for both fields. They are eager to begin the 50-year lease with the Parks and Recreation. Dave made a motion to accept the letter of intent from NCCSC. Second by John. Motion carried (3-0)

The new Pickleball Court has been sealed and the concrete cuts have been filled. The next steps will be to clear coat the court and put the nets up. The restrooms nearby are almost completed, as well. This new area is very attractive to patrons. The funds for this were provided by remaining bond funds, \$50,000 funds and non-reverting funds.

The Aquatic Center opening day will be May 27, 2025. We received a grant from the HCCF to cover costs to certify lifeguards and provide uniforms needed.

The basketball courts at Baker Park have been painted and striped. There will be a tournament hosted on May 24th at 10:00am by the Indiana Legends.

The Osborne Park Arch was recently damaged by a city trash truck. After discussion, the board agreed to move forward with replacing the arch with different architecture and design. The goal is to replace it with better engineering and to be taller. Dave made a motion to proceed. Second by John. Motion carried (3-0)

The City Council recently approved \$10,000 from Riverboat to Your Park. A new flag will be purchased along with maintenance of the grounds.

Thank you to the Poynter Brothers for the successful Easter Egg Hunt at the Action Sports Park.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor York noted the Baker Park Carnival will be May 13-17. We will get 15% of all ticket sales. Also, INDOT has released their updated construction timeline for Road 3. Discussion regarding this followed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mike noted he has worked closely with Karl Poynter of the Poynter Brothers to create signage for the Skate Park. The official new sign says "Welcome to New Castle Action Sports Park" there are several bullet items noted on the sign to help patrons enjoy their visit. These signs will be placed throughout the area. John made a motion to approve the new signage. Second by Dave. Motion carried (3-0)

CITIZEN CONCERNS

None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:15PM, NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 2, 2025.