

## CITY OF NEW CASTLE PARK BOARD MINUTES

AUGUST 6, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patty Broyles, Dave Nantz, Sandy Scott, and John Henderson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

Mayor Greg 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 accept the minutes as presented. Second by Dave. Motion carried (4-0)

### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Patty noted there is 5 more months left of the Food and Beverage Grant. The restrooms are coming along and will be finished soon. Also, the sealing of the deck and Skate Park will be done in September.

Mike and Sandy went August 1<sup>st</sup> to the Henry County Community Foundation to explore the grant opportunity for the parks. Originally, this grant was to be for Baker Park but after understanding the guidelines for the grant, the parks board can only apply for \$25,000. That would not be enough to purchase additional equipment. After much discussion, the board agreed to apply for this grant to help towards helping certify next year lifeguards and help pay their wages for the pool season. This past summer was not the best for the Aquatic Center due to closing early and losing majority of the lifeguards earlier than expected. Patty made a motion for Mike and Sandy to apply for this grant to help towards the lifeguards for 2019. Second by Dave. Motion carried (4-0)

Mike noted the new/used equipment would be installed at Hospital Heights Park next week.

The board discussed shelter rental fees for 2019 and decided to keep everything the same. The board may look to increase fees for 2020.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor York noted the restrooms would be completed soon at Baker Park and steel doors would be placed as well.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mike noted the free lunches at the Armory has concluded for the summer. This was the first year the Armory hosted this program alongside the school and hoping next year will be even more successful.

### **CITIZEN CONCERNS**

Scott Frost came before the board to ask about the area behind the tennis courts. Mike noted this area has been used as storage for some time and is slowly being cleaned up. Scott also asked about the concrete pillars and if they would be painted black. Mayor York noted they will be painted black at some point.

Alesia Wise came before the board to ask about the restrooms at the parks. She is new to town and was curious why the parks do not have restrooms. Patty noted the neighborhood parks do not have restrooms and both Baker and Osborne have port-a-pots while new restrooms are being built.

Council Lady Mary Brewington asked about the wall at Parkview Drive and Trojan Lane if there were plans to have a welcome area with mums such as last year during homecoming. The Mayor noted that it is in the works in the next few weeks to have shrubbery added to enhance the visual at that corner.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:15PM, NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 4, 2018