

CITY OF NEW CASTLE PARK BOARD MINUTES

FEBRUARY 4, 2019

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Henderson

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

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 from the former meeting. Second by Sandy. Motion carried (3-0)

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mike announced to the board and public the winner of the Logo contest. Jalen Lowder from Tri High submitted a design that the committee felt was the perfect logo for the parks and recreation department. Jalen received a \$100 check for his efforts, along with logo apparel, and a framed photo of the logo. The board and public thanked Jalen for his hard work and helping the park board create a new logo. Dave made a motion to make this the new official logo for the parks and recreation department. Second by Sandy. Motion carried (3-0)

Mike handed out a copy of the park budget to the board for review. The reason for this is to help the board to stay on track and know the monthly expenses.

The Park Department received a \$2,000 check from the Elks Lodge for Baker Park improvements.

The Lifeguard certifications are still in progress and going well. By the end of next week we will have 25 certified lifeguards for the upcoming pool season. This was made possible by the Henry County Community Foundation Grant. It is our hopes to re-certify lifeguards from last year with this grant also. A big thank you to the instructors who are from the YMCA and the Red Cross.

The Henry County Community Foundation will be hosting a grant workshop on Tuesday, February 5th. This is mandatory for all grant applicants. Mike and Sandy will be attending this workshop to look for grant opportunities. It is our hopes to receive funding to replace trees at Osborne Park. We had removed several dead trees last year and are needing to replace them.

Applications are due Friday, February 22nd. The Mayor noted that if this is a matching grant we need to look at our funding and see what we have. It is our hopes that this grant will be a non-matching grant.

The 5 Year Plan has been in place since 2015. We need to look into possibly amending the plan for 2019 and 2020. The board will review the current plan and email suggestions to Mike. The board will also start discussions about working on the new 5 Year Plan. Mike noted there are a few DNR Grants available. The DNR requires all 5 Year Plans to be updated to be considered for future grants.

Patty stated the new shelter for Baker Park is on hold for now. There is a need for improving the shelters in all of our parks. As a board and community we will continue to move forward and update our parks.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor York stated new lights will be added to the Skate Park and Baker Park on Main Street. There will be camera added to the new light pole at the Skate Park. This will happen in the Spring of 2019.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mike noted we are taking applications for summer help at the Aquatic Center. There will be a new pool schedule implemented for this upcoming season also. We may change some days for pool parties and add additional events.

Caps are currently being taken for the park benches. Applications for the benches are being taken now also. It takes 200 pounds of caps to make one bench.

CITIZEN CONCERNS

None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:00PM, NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 4, 2019.