

CITY OF NEW CASTLE PARK BOARD MINUTES

JUNE 3, 2019

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor York

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

Kendra opened this meeting at 5:30pm.

Kendra 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 Dave. Motion carried (4-0)

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Patty noted the Henry County Community Foundation has two accounts, the New Castle City Parks Pass Thru Fund and the Friends of the City of New Castle Parks Endowment Fund. Patty made a motion to have Mike Bergum added to both of these accounts. Second by Dave. Motion carried (4-0)

Patty announced that there will be a new shelter house built at Baker Park on the northside of the park between the HS softball field and the Miracle League diamond. The name of the shelter will be the Hankenhoff Memorial Shelter. Hurshel "Hank" Hankenhoff is ready to start as soon as weather permits. We will be working with Hank on a letter of intent to make sure everyone is on the same page. Mike noted that a restroom could be added in that area also. Dave made a motion to proceed with this new shelter addition. Second by John. Motion carried (4-0)

The Cornhole Stadium will be completed soon and we will have a ribbon cutting ceremony sometime this month. Mike noted that the Bonnie Peckinpaugh canopy will be completed soon also. Mike is also working with Margison's to get prices for lighting in the area.

Patty announced that she is working with Cathy Hamilton on the Stellar project on behalf of the New Castle Park Board. The theme is Safe and Welcome. If we receive the Stellar funds, the parks department will receive money to add on to the existing Skate Park. It would be an additional 8,000 sq ft. It would also add popular street elements that the community kids are asking for. We would also be improving playground equipment at Baker Park. Equipment for

balance activities and sensory play would be added as well. Patty, Sandy, and Mike are working on this project.

Mike noted that the cap collection ended on June 1st and we have several bags to take down to Evansville. Brenda noted we have 6 benches requested.

MAYOR'S REPORT

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mike noted that the Pool had a successful opening weekend and has been great so far with attendance and staff. The park staff is working on catching up on mowing in all parks. We have been behind due to the rain. Entrances to Baker Park have been redone due to dilapidated curbs and walkways. There will be a bike race held the end of July at Baker Park. This is a national race that will attract a lot of visitors to our park and surrounding areas.

Park employee Robert Dye announced that he had planned to retire this year but will continue to work. He enjoys working for this administration and park board.

CITIZEN CONCERNS

Councilman Peckinpaugh noted that there will be a Stellar meeting held Thursday, June 6th at 6:30pm in the City Council Chambers.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:06PM, NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JULY 1, 2019.