

CITY OF NEW CASTLE PARK BOARD MINUTES

JANUARY 6, 2020

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

Mayor York opened this meeting at 5:30pm.

Mayor York stated each of the board members term limits. They are as follows:

Patty-Term ends 2023

Dave- Term ends 2021

Sandy- Term ends 2022

John- Term ends 2024

Election of officers was held and John nominated Patty to be President with Dave seconding.

Motion carried (3-0)

John nominated Dave to be Vice President with Sandy seconding. Motion carried (3-0)

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

Dave. Motion carried (3-0)

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Patty opened the meeting by discussion the 2019 and 2020 budget. We finished 2019 strongly and are moving right into 2020. A copy of the 2020 budget was not present but will be available at the next meeting. The board is looking forward to have the extra \$50,000 to use to park upgrades. The board looks forward to working with the new Clerk-Treasurer, Brenda Grider.

The Henry County Community Foundation Spring Grant Meeting will be held on January 29th at 4:00pm. Patty made a motion for Mike, Sandy, and possibly herself to attend this meeting and pursue a grant. John seconded. Motion carried (3-0)

We have been fortunate in the past to receive grants from the HCCF and hope we can secure another grant for our parks.

The Stellar award was awarded to Marshall County. We were not chosen but the region will receive \$333,333.00. There will be meetings held on January 10th and February 12th to discuss how the funds will be distributed. Cathy Hamilton noted the January 10th meeting is an “in house meeting” and the February 12th meeting will be the Indianapolis Representatives coming to our REMC to discuss what we could have done better and what we need to do in the future to prepare for our next Stellar application.

Beverly Matthews from the Henry County Community Foundation also spoke on behalf of the Stellar efforts and the Foundation. She explained the process of the Endowment and Pass Thru Funds. The parks are fortunate to have a pass thru fund to help secure and grow funds to prosper our parks in the future.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor York thanked the board for all of their efforts this past year and looks forward to 2020. The Mayor also thanked the HCCF for all of their hard work for New Castle, Henry County and continued investment in our parks and amenities.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mike gave an update on Wood Week. It was the second year we were able to do it and a total of 54 trees were taken down and available for pick-up. 24 trees have already been taken out and 30 still remain. It has been too wet and damp to have the remaining collected. It is our hopes the weather will clear in the next week or so to finish this project. Anyone that wants to donate for a tree can do so at the HCCF through our Pass Thru Fund.

Mike showed a video to the board and public of the 2019 year and all accomplishments. The board thanked him for all his efforts and for a prosperous 2019.

CITIZEN CONCERNS

Brooke Mullins and Steve Pass came before the board to ask permission to hold a car show at Baker Park on July 12th to raise money for the Little League. The Little League has major updates needed and a car show would be a great fundraiser to help towards those needs. After discussion, the board stated they are in favor of this event and Brooke will be in contact with the Mayor’s Office and Mike Bergum to iron out the details.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:20PM, NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 3, 2020.