

## **CITY OF NEW CASTLE PARK BOARD MINUTES**

**MARCH 1, 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patty Broyles, Dave Nantz and Sandy Scott

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Henderson

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

Mayor 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 Dave. Motion carried (3-0)

### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Patty noted that the old park equipment has been removed from the park, including the train. The parks department is working on cleaning the parks and gearing up for the Spring season.

The project picnic tables has been a well perceived with 25 participants signed up. There will be a meeting held this coming Thursday for questions and answers regarding the project. April 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline which ties in with Earth Day. We have a sponsorship with Sherwin Williams for the paint to be provided.

The Ted Fitzgerald Trail has already been marked for placement at Osborne Park. We are going to request a few stakes be moved as it is an obstruction to the basketball court and softball diamond. This project will begin construction soon and the board is thankful to the City Council for receiving the grant and riverboat money to make this trail possible. It is another amenity for our parks that will improve quality of life.

The Aquatic Center renovations will begin soon as materials are already on site and ready for installation. Next month we will begin discussing opening of the pool and concession stand.

The board presented the Park District Bond for discussion with Corey Murphy of the EDC to give a detailed presentation. Corey presented the Resolution for board approval. The Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures is an outline of the bond in the amount of \$1,110,000 for the construction of certain park improvements. Corey noted that this resolution preserves the ability to pay back the RDC for their contribution to the pool project. After board discussion,

Patty made a motion to sign the resolution with intent to reimburse RDC. Second by Dave.  
Motion carried (3-0)

Corey then went over the Park District Bonds proposed timetable and assumptions. After lengthy discussion, the board agreed to the timetable along with the bond amount of \$1,110,000 for an 8-year period. Patty made a motion to proceed with this timetable and figure amount and to present to City Council for final financing approval. Second by Dave. Motion carried (3-0).

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

None

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

See old/new business.

#### **CITIZEN CONCERNS**

Bruce Roberts came before the board on behalf of the bluegrass music. The music band utilizes Baker 1 Shelter of the Summer and they are requesting new lights to be installed. They have an on-hand electrician who has offered to install the lights if we purchase them, for zero cost to the City. The board thanked Bruce for the offer and noted it would have to be further investigated for legality purposes. The board also thanked Bruce for the bluegrass music that has been well perceived over the years, as yet again, another positive amenity for our parks.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:15PM, NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 5, 2021.