

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

**MAY 2, 2022**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patty Broyles, Dave Nantz, and John Henderson

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mayor York, Park Superintendent Mike Bergum, 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. Dave made a motion to accept the minutes from the former meeting. Second by John. Motion passed (3-0)

### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Patty opened the meeting by discussing the Skate Park Phase II and the Bond. Hunger has finished all the design schematics and the board is excited for this new addition. The construction could begin late summer early fall for this project.

Osborne Park was awarded \$200,000 from the Food and Beverage Grant and renovations will begin after softball season is over. Little League Girls Softball is moving forward in a positive way. Trojan Lane was awarded \$118,000 from Food and Beverage Grant, as well. The Pickleball Courts will be resurfaced this summer, also. The cost is roughly \$8,100 and will come from the parks budgeted \$50,000.

The Aquatic Center is all set to open for the 2022 Season on Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. The staff are finishing lifeguard classes and are working on staffing the concession stand. The pool will be filled in a few weeks in preparation for opening day.

Our parks are very fortunate to have the use they do from our community members. Recently, the Saturday before Easter, Poynter Brother's held an Easter Egg Hunt at the Skate Park. There was a 5k run/walk benefit for Archie's Journey, The Girl's Baseball had a double header game and the City hosted its Annual Easter Egg Hunt. There was a Color Run and a Little League game for the Girls' Softball team at Osborne Park that day, as well. A lot of positive activities happening in our parks right now, we are excited to see this momentum continue.

The Hoopla Festival will be on June 25<sup>th</sup>. We will work out details closer to time as far as parking and the access to Baker Park.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

NONE

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mike noted that Krystal Stanich from the Library had a tree planting event at Osborne Park this past weekend. It was very successful and is helping to add new trees to the park. Thanks to the Duke Energy grant we received; we are in the process of taking down dilapidated trees. This is still a work in progress and will continue over the next few months.

Mike also stated he met with Duke Energy about upgrading the lighting at the Skate Park to mimic what has recently been put up on the West side of Baker Park on Main Street. Once Phase II of the Skate Park is completed, it will be nice to have upgraded lighting in the area. There is an Eagle Scout project about to commence at Osborne Park, thanks to Justin McCrobie. He will be refurbishing the dog walk in the area.

The Bluegrass Music kicked off its 2022 Season at Baker 1 Shelter House. They will continue through October, every Monday evening from 6pm-9pm.

### **CITIZEN CONCERNS**

NONE

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:15PM, NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 6, 2022.