

CITY OF NEW CASTLE PARK BOARD MINUTES

DECEMBER 5, 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. Patty noted that the previous minutes, 11-7 and 11-21 could not be approved until the January meeting due to Sandy being absent and John was not present at the last meeting.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Patty noted the need for an additional park board member. It was discussed in the November meeting and all members agree on the addition. Patty made a motion for the Mayor to explore options in expanding the park board with City Attorney, Joel Harvey. John second the motion. Motion carried (3-0)

Bond Expenditures/Updates

Projects completed/on the docket

Baker Park Playground Expansion

Adjacent to area where the individual pieces were installed. The new section will include modern climbing apparatus for all ages. The surface will be an upgraded solid surface that will be adaptable for everyone. It is the hope of the expansion to retrofit the surface of the recently installed playground area with the same solid surface. The cost to upgrade would be the installation of concrete curbs and the actual surface. The anticipated cost is being worked on now. In addition to the playground area, walkways, benches and patios will be installed. This expansion is to compliment the existing Fun Park and provide additional play area within Baker Park.

John made a motion to move forward with this expansion project and for Mike to make any necessary commitments in doing so. Second by Dave. Motion carried (3-0)

Dave also made a motion to have the old, new part of Baker Park to be resurfaced doing this project, as well. Second by John. Motion carried (3-0)

Skate Park Expansion

The plan is for Hunger to begin work on the expansion in late spring. The City will be doing some prep work at the site over the winter and early spring. The lighting and security plan is being implemented into the scheme as well.

Pool Numbers

The overall numbers for the 2022 pool season are as follows:

Days opened – 61

Pool revenue - Admissions \$29,345.34 (14,672 total attendance/240 per day)

Chairs - \$2,717

Concessions - \$22,443.58

Total - \$54,505.92

Total 2021 season - \$51,994.42

\$50,000 Philosophy

The 2023 \$50,000 budget line will be used for small projects that have not been completed along with offsetting “little things” in our bigger projects.

Softball Diamond at Baker Park

The new storage/press box/concession stand is onsite at the Baker Park softball diamond. There needs to be a little prep work prior to the building being permanently placed. Electric will be installed once the building is in its proper place. Additional fencing on diamond two will be installed soon.

Updates on Softball Diamonds at Osborne Park

J&D Turf – all aspects of the infield renovation have been completed. There will be a some clean up and that portion of the project will be done. The good news is that it looks like there was a savings of \$8,405 from the original bid due to some of the specs of the project not needing to be completed.

Fencing - For the Osborne Park Softball Diamond project, we are looking at a start date after the first of the year. We are on track to have all the material by the end of this month. As we get closer to the start date let the board know we will have an onsite meeting between you, or another site contact, and our project manager to walk the site and confirm the post locations.

Disc Golf Course

Waiting on the last two tee pads to be installed and that portion of the project will be done.

Hole signs are being printed and will be installed when completed.

Three tee benches have been installed. Two more benches will be put in, weather permitting.

Trash cans have arrived and will be set out in the spring.

The scoring app will go live as soon as most of the course is completed.

Park Shelter Reservations

There were 178 shelter reservations for the 2022 season. There are some shelter upgrades that can be made during the offseason that will enhance the aesthetics of the facilities. Reservations are being taken now for the 2023 season.

Winter Walking Program

The Armory is open for walkers from 11:30 to 1:30, Monday through Thursday. Get your steps in where it is warm.

MAYOR'S REPORT

It has been a successful year for the parks and recreation. Merry Christmas to all.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Noted in old/new business.

CITIZEN CONCERNS

None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:20PM, NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 3, 2023.