

CITY OF NEW CASTLE PARK BOARD MINUTES

FEBRUARY 6, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patty Broyles, Todd Myers, and Sandy Scott

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 stated that the board will defer the approval of previous meeting minutes until the next meeting when all board members are present to vote.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

The Henry County Community Foundation will be offering their Spring grant this year and the board is looking to apply to help with lifeguard certification and uniforms. We have around 40 lifeguards who need their certification/recertifications. This grant helps to cover all costs with this training and the uniforms. Sandy made a motion to have Mike Bergum move forward with the grant application process. Second by Todd. Motion passed (3-0)

The Osborne Park updates have been a success so far. The turf on the diamonds has been completed and the fencing company will be on site this week to begin their installation. The turf and fencing is a great face lift to these diamonds and will be completed in time for Spring practice.

We are still waiting to hear from Hunger about the Skate Park expansion project. Mike stated they should be in contact with him soon to move forward.

The Parks and Recreation have been busy at Baker Park removing old equipment. We are making room for the new additions that will be placed this Summer. Mike and the Mayor have a meeting next week with the project engineer for the playground company to finalize plans.

All leases with the sports groups, Little League, Babe Ruth, etc are in the final revision stages with Attorney Joel Harvey. All agreements needed updated for liability purposes. Patty made a motion to have Mike and Attorney Harvey move forward with all revisions and have the proper leagues sign off on the agreements before field use begins. Second by Sandy. Motion passed (3-0)

The board stated that the mini park on Vine Street would be best suited to be placed in the Landbank. There is little to no need for the mini park at that location and will best to place back in the city's tax base. Patty made a motion to move forward with transferring this property to the Landbank. Second by Sandy. Motion passed (3-0)

MAYOR'S REPORT

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mike stated that the Armory is at full occupancy and all sports and activities there are going great.

CITIZEN CONCERNS

Councilman Mike Guffey asked about the shelter at Lowe Park and what the plans are. Mike and the board stated that if we do remove the structure due to the vandalism, there are a lot of things inside, plumbing, etc that need to be taken care of first. The board said they would keep this in mind moving forward.

Mike Broyles stated that the Henry County Community Foundation grants are only 20% available to government agencies and if you apply once, you cannot apply again in a calendar year. Just a heads up for the board and Park Superintendent.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:15PM, NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 6, 2023.