

CITY OF NEW CASTLE PARK BOARD MINUTES

JUNE 5, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patty Broyles, Todd Myers, Dave Nantz, Sandy Scott, 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 the approval of April minutes, she would abstain due to being absent. April minutes passed 4-0 with 1 abstaining. May minutes passed 3-0 with 2 abstaining.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike opened the meeting by going over the park budgets. The Osborne Little League/Grant has just wrapped up. We went a little over budget but it was necessary to finish the dugouts. Mike also went over the park bond as far as money spent and what is outstanding. The skate park budget will go slightly over also. We hope to have a soft opening in July with the Poynter Brothers.

The new playground equipment is set and ready for the new surface to be placed. The new surface will be placed at the end of June. This will allow for drainage and landscaping to be done. Also, this week, a technician will be on site at the Fun Park to do an evaluation of the current conditions of the park. It has been 23 years since this park was installed and an evaluation every so often is needed.

The pool grant from the Henry County Community Foundation in the amount of \$2,000 has been put to use for lifeguard certifications and uniforms. Before the pool opened Memorial Weekend, the pool's heater went out. This was an unexpected cost of \$40,000 to replace but was needed in order to open on time.

Mike also noted that the pool has been open for a week now with record attendance and weather. We have a security officer at the pool during the day to help keep the positive presence and help deter any negative actions from patrons.

Mike stated that the company who did the work on the pickleball courts are said to be back the 3rd week of July to fix the surface issue. We hope this company will stand by their warranty and fix the surface the way we paid for it and it should be done.

The Osborne Park Little League is in full swing which brings in traffic and parking issues for the diamonds and trail. We have placed signage on the trail for no parking but no one seems to be paying attention to

this as they are still parking on the trail. We may need to have this area policed during games to make sure patrons understand this is a no parking area. Barricades may be an option, as well.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor York noted that the spring carnival at Baker Park was a success bringing in \$5,000 to the park budget.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

See New Business Report

CITIZEN CONCERNS

Mike Broyles noted that the pool grant was funds received from the spring grant at the Henry County Community Foundation.

Scott Frost also thanked the board for their support of NC23 events and allowing the committee to place the sign at Baker Park to advertise the events that will be coming up.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:15PM, NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JULY 3, 2023.