

## CITY OF NEW CASTLE PARK BOARD MINUTES

DECEMBER 4, 2023

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

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 made a motion to approve the minutes from October as presented. Second by Sandy. Motion passed (3-0)

### NEW BUSINESS

Patty opened the meeting by congratulating Mayor York on a successful election win. The board is eager and excited for the next four years.

Mike presented a video to the board of a "year in review." The video displayed all the work and upgrades in the parks this past year. The board agreed we have come a long way and have made a lot of progress in all our parks.

Pool numbers from 2023 were presented to the board for review:

2023 56 days opened- 12,029 total attendance top five days: 743, 667, 527, 474 and 449

2021 54 days opened – 12,973 total attendance

2020 40 days opened- 9,351 total attendance (Covid)

The Facility usage agreements between the New Castle School Corporation and the NC Parks Department are currently being ironed out for 2024. Topics to be addressed: 1. Liability 2. Priority of use 3. Upgrade funding 4. Overall funding 5. Annual maintenance 6. Special event insurance  
The Baseball and Softball Leases will be finalized during the January board meeting, as well.

The Disc Golf numbers and league information were as follows:

Number of rounds played (scored on UDisk) – 2,564 Unique players – 187

Highest months: August – 415 and September – 449

Distance Miles:	Play Count	Unique
0-50	1,789	283
50-100	52	36
100-150	8	7
150-200	3	2
200-250	4	3
250-300	11	3
300-500	13	12

The Indoor league will begin this Wednesday at the Armory

Skate Park updates for the new addition: lights, restrooms, and signage.

Security in the parks:

We currently have 9 cameras available. We have a meeting with ASI in the next week to look at adding additional cameras. We are looking to develop a philosophy/strategy for 2024.

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

Thanked Mike and the board for all their hard work and efforts this past year. It shows in all our parks.

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

None

#### **CITIZEN CONCERNS**

Bruce Roberts from the Bluegrass music came before the board to reserve Baker 1 Shelter for the 2024 season. Bluegrass music will begin on May 6, 2024-October 7, 2024, every Monday evening from 6pm-9pm. The board thanked Bruce and his group for their continued years of service to this community. This event continues to grow each year and it is a welcomed treat for the community to have this event each year.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:20PM, NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 3, 2024.