

CITY OF NEW CASTLE PARK BOARD MINUTES

FEBRUARY 5, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patty Broyles, Dave Nantz, Sandy Scott, John Henderson 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.

Dave made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Todd. Motion passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Patty opened the meeting with discussing the upcoming Solar Eclipse and the rules for the city parks. All parks will be open and free to the public, as normal. Everyone needs to follow the park rules including the leased areas. There will not be camping or overnight parking permitted in any of our parks. Parking during the day in the city parks is allowed. This does NOT include leased areas. As always, we want our parks to be safe and welcome to all.

Mayor York stated Downtown and 1400 Plaza will be having events from Friday-Monday April 8th the day of the solar eclipse. He is hoping to work with the high school and have parking available at the fieldhouse for patrons to view the eclipse, as well.

The 2024 lease agreements for the New Castle Little League, New Castle Little League Softball, Babe Ruth, Miracle League, and the New Castle High School are currently being worked out with the Park Superintendent and City Attorney. All 2 -year leases will be ready to sign at the March Park Board Meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor York stated that the second annual Baker Park Carnival will return May 12-18th. Huseman Amusements will begin set up a few days before May 12th.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mike noted that if you drive by Baker Park you will notice the Disc Golf Course has added 8 new baskets which has created 3 courses for the Disc Golf. An indoor league was held at the Armory for the past 10-weeks. 50 different players attended this event.

All old equipment has been removed from Baker Park. The Fun Park has had updates/replacements. The evaluation from last year required this to be done. New rails have

been installed along with work to the bridge. The color updates alone have changed the look of the Fun Park.

The Skate Park is seeing its final touches for the Spring season. The air pump track has been installed and is now available for patrons to use.

The final bench order will be placed at the end of this month. We will continue to take bottle caps as they are brought in. We will take them to the recycling bins instead.

CITIZEN CONCERNS

None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:50PM, NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 4, 2024.