

## **CITY OF NEW CASTLE PARK BOARD MINUTES**

**MAY 6, 2024**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patty Broyles, Dave Nantz, Sandy Scott, and Todd Myers

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Park Superintendent Mike Bergum, and Mayor's Assistant Kendra Kennedy

Patty opened this meeting at 5:30pm.

Patty asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the former meeting. Todd made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Sandy. Motion passed 3-0-1 with Patty abstaining.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Patty opened the meeting with noting the Aquatic Center is ready for the 2024 pool season. The pool is filled and the maintenance of replacing pumps and filters are complete. We have our Lifeguards certified and ready to start working. Opening day is Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Patty and Mike Bergum has met with Ron Anderson of ASI in regards to security cameras. They are waiting for the quote for (6) additional cameras. These additional cameras will be able to work with our existing cameras. It is possible to have cameras on the Fun Park and the new playground that was installed.

The restrooms are open at the parks. The Parks and Recreation Department are working on the skate park bathroom. They may need to put regular fixtures in place to get the restroom open sooner.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor York stated the Baker Park Carnival will begin May 13<sup>th</sup> through May 18<sup>th</sup>. We are going to have a "Senior Day" for the New Castle High School Seniors to enjoy on one of their off days.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mike noted the Park Board received the Spring Grant from the Henry County Community Foundation for \$2500. This will help with the certification of lifeguards along with their gear. We were able to certify (3) Lifeguards for the White Estates Pool as this Grant was Henry County wide.

Mike also stated Clerk-Treasurer, Ashley Huffman has provided each Department with budget sheets for the upcoming 2025 year. He will go over the line items specifically the \$50,000 that is still in the budget. This will be reappropriated to respective line-item needs. Patty thanked Mike

for all of his and his department for their hard work. Patty stated that the Parks and Recreation will stay within their budget.

### **CITIZEN CONCERNS**

Councilman Mark Koger of 1004 South Main Street came before the board with concerns over the Golf Simulator at the Armory. He asked Mike and the Board what the cost was and who contributed. Mike stated the City paid \$16,000, Henry Community Health donated \$10,000, and the New Castle School Corporation donated \$10,000. Councilman Koger stated this \$36,000 Golf Simulator should be advertised to the public for use. We are losing revenue by not allowing this to be rented out. He stated he would like the board to find a solution to have this simulator be rentable by the public.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:05PM, NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 3, 2024.