CITY OF NEW CASTLE PARK BOARD MINUTES

AUGUST 5, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jerry Hyden, Jim Cole, and Christian Miller

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brad Crowe

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Greg York, Bud Ayers-Superintendent, and Kendra Kennedy

Mayor Greg York opened this meeting at 5:30 pm.

The Mayor also made an announcement that Brad Crowe would no longer serve on the Park Board.

There was not a quorum at the July 1, 2013 meeting so there was not any minutes to approve.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Jim Cole mentioned to the Mayor that the Dog Tidy bags at Baker Park were empty in both containers. The Mayor stated he will give Jim a key so he can access the bags in case they get rolled up in the box or if they need refilled. The Mayor stated he received a phone call about an owner and his dog at the park and the owner did not have a bag to pick up the dog poop. The Mayor said he went up to the guy and explained how our bag boxes on both sides of the park work and made him get one to pick up his dog’s poop. Jim Cole mentioned to the Mayor he would like for Christy York Clerk-Treasurer to have a PNL statement for the entire summer of the concession stand. Jim Cole noted the Aquatic Center had a balance of $350,000. $99,000 is pledged money but not yet collected. And $96,000 in CD’s. After all this it would entail a short fall balance of $155,000. Jerry Hyden asked what the August pool hours would be since kids are back in school. First week of August hours are 3:30-8:30. This is a trial to see how it goes but normal hours will resume. There will be $1 admission for the entire month of August. Christian Miller mentioned maybe making a “themed” day for the pool to help with attendance. Jerry Hyden mentioned if the pool could give out next day passes to the people who go and get sent home 1-3 hours into it. Jim Cole asked the Mayor if Shalei could be at the next meeting with a statement on chair revenue for the entire summer.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

The Mayor mentioned again that there will be $1 admission all through the month of August and also extended evening hours through the week since the kids went back to school early.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Bud stated the park department mowed the field and mowed the lower 40 in the back at Osborne Park.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS**

Will Ruback came before the board and announced that the 20th Annual Day of Caring would be September 13, 2013 at 7:00am at the First Baptist Church. He also mentioned that the handicap accessible park would not be able to go in this year due to lack of funding. He handed out proposed blueprint for where the park would be and about what it will look like. He says it will be called the We Care Playground.

Jeff Hancock came before the board along with Bill Maple, John Fisher, and Mike McAtee to propose having a Pickleball Court behind the volleyball court at Baker Park. These four gentleman have formed a committee to try and get this project up and running. They would like to use the blacktopped area there. It is similar to tennis with the net in the middle but the rackets are smaller and light weight and the ball used is a wiffle ball. It is very popular among younger and older generations and not as intense or hard working as tennis is. A lot of older people enjoy this new sport. It is very popular in Florida. And also there was an article in the Muncie Star July 26, 2013 on the front page explaining Pickleball. Jeff Hancock mentioned this would be a partnership with the County and he spoke with Joe Wiley and they would be willing to help with the Black Top for the court. This sport will be funded through donations and pledges. A fund will be set up for Pickleball. They are hoping to have this up and going by Spring 2014. Christian Miller made a motion to approve this. Second by Jerry Hyden.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:03PM, NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 2, 2013