CITY OF NEW CASTLE PARK BOARD MINUTES

OCTOBER 1, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patty Broyles, Dave Nantz, Sandy Scott, and John Henderson
MEMBERS ABSENT:
OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Greg York, Mayor's Assistant Kendra Kennedy, and Park Superintendent-Mike Bergum

Mayor Greg 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 accept the minutes as presented. Second by Dave. Motion carried (4-0)

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

The Henry County Community Foundation will award the grants this coming Wednesday, October 3rd. The board will learn what they receive to help towards lifeguards next year.

Mike noted that quotes were submitted to the Board of Works on Monday, (10/1), for the new 4-bay swing at Osborne Park. The two existing swing sets will be removed before the new 4-bay is installed. If the weather holds off, the new equipment will be installed this year. If not, it will be installed in the spring of 2019. This equipment was purchased through Riverboat funds that City Council had allocated to the park board.

The Food and Beverage Grant will be closed out on 10/31. The balance will be zero and it will be completed. Karl Poynter hosted a skate board/bike event on Saturday, 9/29 at the skate park and had well over 200 people in attendance. Several people were from out of state and neighboring communities. This event was huge for our parks as it attracted out of town guests to utilize our park amenities, as well as shop, eat, and spend the night here. Mike and the park board thanked Karl for hosting this free event to the community.

Scott Frost came before the board to announce that the funds raised at the HCCF in memory of his parents, he would like to see used towards a bicycle repairs stand/pump station at the skate park. It could be used for skateboards and bicycles. He asked the board's approval to make this donation to the skate park. The board thanked Scott for his generous donation and graciously accepted his offer. This station will be bolted to the ground and everything is attached, it would be very difficult for someone to steal it. The board agreed to have this new unit installed in the Spring of 2019.

Mike handed out two options for the new park rules sign to be placed. After discussion, the board decided on option #2. The signs will be placed at all park entrances. The signs will be placed this Fall. Dave made a motion to proceed with the new signs. Second by Sandy. Motion carried (4-0)
Day of Caring was a huge success. Thank you to the girl's volleyball team, Mike, Scott, Tommy Oaks, Park employees, Brenda, Mike, and the Park Board. A lot was accomplished that day for the betterment of our community as well as our parks. The volleyball team completed our cap sorting for the new benches to be purchased.

Mike and Brenda will be placing the bench order on Tuesday, (10/2). There will be 14 benches ordered. Thank you to Boarshead for their donation of 6 benches to the City of New Castle. 1 bench was placed out front of City Hall, the remaining 5 will be placed on the outskirts of Baker Park to replace the current purple benches.

MAYOR'S REPORT
Mayor York stated we are working on getting the parks ready for winter. The entrances to the parks will be closed off to car traffic but will still be open to foot traffic. This generally occurs late October, first of November once the weather turns.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Mike stated the weatherizing of the skate park is completed and looks great. The weather held out for this to be completed. This will be done annually to preserve the life of the skate park. He also thanked Brenda and Karl for their efforts.

CITIZEN CONCERNS
Councilman Perdue noted that the skate park budget is at zero and before it was noted there were funds remaining. Patty explained that the weatherization, restrooms, and security absorbed the remaining food and beverage funds.

Councilman Dicken asked about posting additional "no smoking" signs around the skate park. Patty noted we currently have signage posted and we can request additional police presence to help enforce the rules. Karl noted that the smokers are generally people who are not biking or skating, just spectators. The bikers/skaters, for the most part, know the rules and follow them.

Councilman Peckinpaugh came before the board and read a letter in regards to the canopy at the skate park to honor his late wife.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:12PM, NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED OR NOVEMBER 5, 2018