

CITY OF NEW CASTLE PARK BOARD MINUTES

JANUARY 7, 2019

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 from the former meeting. Second by Dave. Motion carried (4-0)

Mayor York announced to the board that with it being a new year there would be election of officers held. Dave made a motion to keep officers the same as last year. Patty will remain President and Dave will remain Vice President. Sandy seconded the motion. Motion carried (3-0 with Patty abstaining.)

Mayor York also noted that the Park Board member terms will be as follows:

Patty-Year 2023

Dave-Year 2021

John-Year 2020

Sandy-Year 2022

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Patty noted that the shelter reservations for 2019 began on January 2nd. Kendra noted that she had 5-8 people waiting in line early Tuesday morning and ended the day with around 30 reservations to start the 2019 year. 2020 reservations will be taken beginning the second Wednesday in November 2019.

The shelter rental agreement prices are \$35 for Henry County residents and \$50 for outside of Henry County. We currently have shelter #3 that we are renting out for when Baker #1 & #2 are reserved. Hopefully by Spring we will have shelter #4 ready to rent out. Patty made a motion to approve and accept the use of the new shelter rental agreement. Second by Dave. Motion carried (4-0)

Nathan and Mary Brewington's son has graciously offered to donate a shelter to Baker Park, all except concrete and wiring. The suggested location for this new shelter will be by the Shuffle Board Courts. There is currently a dilapidated shelter there now that will be torn down before construction of this new shelter will begin. Sandy made a motion to approve the location of the new shelter house to be built. Second by John. Motion carried (4-0)

Patty noted that we are still accepting caps until June 1st. Hopefully by July we will have more benches.

The Osborne Park swing set has been installed and new swings will be installed in the Spring. The swings and mulch will be the final additive to this new swing set.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The doors are on the bathrooms at the skate park and new bathrooms in Baker Park. The chains will be taken down to open the parks for the season in the Spring and the bathrooms will be available for use.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mike noted the Aquatic Center Grant is going well and we currently have 19 lifeguards certified. We have completed 3 certification class and have spent \$2600 of \$4000 so far. We will continue to offer classes until the remaining grant funds are used. Our goal is to have 40 certified lifeguards. The certification is for 2 years. It is our hopes to have older individuals be certified as well to help when the kids go back to school. The YMCA has graciously offered there instructor Josh Bramlett to help us certify the upcoming lifeguards. The Red Cross has also been a help with our certification process.

Mike also noted the pool calendar will be new and improved to enhance and increase our pool parties.

The Winter Market at the Armory has been a success so far. It is the 3rd Saturday of each month.

14 logos have been submitted for the logo contest. A committee will meet this month to select the winning logo and at the next Park Board meeting the winner will be announced.

The Armory is kicking off a unified sports fitness club program with the Special Olympics beginning on Monday nights from 6-7:30pm to do fitness activities. Everyone is invited to participate in this opportunity.

The Armory is having a lot of activity with wedding receptions, luncheons, events, and sporting practice. We are kicking off 2019 in a positive way.

The Wood Week event went really well. The weather did not cooperate but other than that went well with 38 trees being cut down in the first week. We still have a few trees down at the Armory that will be removed once the weather breaks.

CITIZEN CONCERNS

Park employee Robert Dye announced he will be retiring in February 2020. The board thanked him for all his efforts to the Park's Department.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:10PM, NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED OR FEBRUARY 4, 2019.