

CITY OF NEW CASTLE PARK BOARD MINUTES

APRIL 1, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Nantz, Sandy Scott, and John Henderson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Patty Broyles

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Greg York, Mayor's Assistant Kendra Kennedy, Park Superintendent-Mike Bergum, and Bookkeeper-Brenda Grider

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. Dave made a motion to accept the minutes from the former meeting. Second by Sandy. Motion carried (3-0)

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Dave opened the meeting by discussing the budget review spreadsheet provided by Mike. The spreadsheet is a current to-date running total of the park funds.

Mike announced to the board that the grant request to the Henry County Community Foundation has been withdrawn. A grant was written through Duke Energy to replace 40 trees that was taken down last fall/winter. Duke Energy awarded us \$6,000 for this tree campaign. There will be a variety of trees planted by April 26th which is Arbor Day.

The Five Year Action Plan is in the process of being updated, edited, and revised to help plan for future grants and accurate planning. We have moved several actions/ projects to different calendar years. We have also removed the We Care Playground as funds are no longer allocated from the United Fund. We have added "Develop New Five Year Master Plan in 2020." Sandy made a motion to proceed with the edits and revisions. Second by John. Motion carried (3-0)

The Parks will open to through traffic in the coming weeks as weather cooperates. It is our hopes it will be ready by the Easter Egg Hunt on 4/20.

The Bark in the Park 5K Fun Run will be held on April 27th. Proceeds will go to the Henry County Humane Society. Registration forms can be found online through the facebook page. There will be contests, vendors, activities, and certifications. Also on this date, the 20th Anniversary Celebration of the F.U.N. Park sponsored by Healthy Communities will be at the F.U.N. Park. There will be a tree planting ceremony, bicycle giveaway, Earth Day activities, music and food.

The City Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 20th at the New Castle High School parking lot as in the past. The hunt begins at 1:00pm.

There was vandalism at the skate park a few weeks ago and with our new security cameras we may have the kids who did it. There is an ongoing investigation currently. Thanks to the community members who shared the facebook video 929 times with 47,000 views. This is a testament to our community!

MAYOR'S REPORT

New park swings will be placed on the work-day on Saturday, April 13th at 9:00am. We will meet at Baker 1 Shelter House.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mike noted that caps are still being collected. Caps will be collected until June 1st.

On March 23rd, the Parks and Recreation Department celebrated March Madness with the Special Olympics. A basketball camp was held at the Armory with 65 participants. Each camper received a t-shirt and basketball. The camp was sponsored by the New Castle Parks and Recreation Department and Duke Energy.

The Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy from Knightstown did a work day at both Baker and Osborne Park. They did 5 ½ hours of work cleaning and mulching the parks. They are coming back this Thursday to finish up. These young men and women did a phenomenal job and are very hard workers. We appreciate their hard work!

CITIZEN CONCERNS

Scott Frost asked about the new bike pump station. Mike noted that once the drainage is completed at the skate park the pump station would be placed. Of course, this all depends on the weather also.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:00PM, NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 6, 2019.