

CITY OF NEW CASTLE PARK BOARD MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

Kendra opened this meeting at 5:30pm.

Kendra 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)

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Patty opened the meeting by going over the parks budget. Mike noted everything is on track as far as wages, utilities, and the pool is closed for the summer. Patty also noted that Healthy Communities made a generous donation of \$500 to the Pass Through Fund at the Henry County Community Foundation for the Bike Race held at Baker Park. The board was very thankful for the donation.

The Hankenhoff Shelter is completed except for making finishing touches. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony in October with the Hankenhoff family.

Reservations for Park Shelters in 2020 will begin November 13th (the second Wednesday of November) The shelters will be the same charge of \$35.00 and the shelters available to rent are Baker 1, Baker 2, Hankenhoff Shelter, and Osborne Park Shelter.

The ribbon cutting ceremony for the Cornhole Stadium will be Sunday, September 15th from 12pm-3pm. There will be lunch, games, and prizes. Registration fee is \$10 per person. No skills needed! There will also be a dedication to Bonnie Peckinpaugh and Alan Broyles at this event.

Fall is quickly approaching and the Park Department will be working on maintenance of park equipment/removing dilapidated equipment. Day of Caring is on Friday, September 6th. A lot of work and maintenance will be done at all the parks to spruce them up for the close of season.

Caps completion for this round of park benches will be on September 24th. We have 7 benches and 3 trash cans to be picked up. Very exciting we collected enough caps to produce these new items.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Kendra thanked the board for their permission for Meridian Services to host a Suicide Prevention Walk on Saturday, September 14th from 9am-2pm at Baker Park. There will be a 5k walk, vendors, and health screenings. Patty made a motion to approve this event. Second by Dave. Motion carried (4-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mike noted the Poynter Brothers would like to request the use of the Skate Park on Saturday, September 28th to host another event such as they did last year. It was a huge success and it drew a lot of people. The board agreed they love seeing the parks used for positive events such as these mentioned above. Patty made a motion to approve this request by Poynter Brothers. Second by Sandy. Motion carried (4-0)

Mike also noted that the Armory facility has been at full capacity renting wise all year. Between sports teams, wedding receptions, luncheons, and events, the Armory has done very well this year.

CITIZEN CONCERNS

Mariah Allen of Hospital Heights came before the board to request an update on the volleyball court, fencing, and basketball court. She also noted the letters on the welcome sign to the park are fading and coming a part. Mike noted these items will be focused on during the Day of Caring this coming Friday.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:25PM, NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 3, 2019.