

## CITY OF NEW CASTLE PARK BOARD MINUTES

APRIL 5, 2021

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

Mayor 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 Sandy. Motion carried (4-0)

### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Patty opened the meeting by recognizing Robert Dye, Parks and Recreation employee on his retirement. The board thanked Robert for his years of service and dedication to the City of New Castle and had a celebration with cake.

The planting of trees at Osborne Park was discussed along with two representatives from the DNR, Donna Rogler and New Castle School Corporation, Diana Bowman. They are looking for a quarter acre or more to plant 100 trees that are endangered or technically extinct trees. This is a part of a research project. Diana was asked along with her students to be a part of this study. They all met last week to talk about location and opportunity. This is a proactive step to make this area much more than a test plot. After board discussion, Dave made a motion to proceed with the DNR to plant trees at the Osborne Park location. Second by John. Motion carried (4-0)

The Softball Lease at Osborne Park was brought up before the board. The lease has been rewritten. We cleaned up the language – many things were redundant, clarified the users, shortened the length of the agreement. After board discussion, Patty made a motion to accept the revised lease agreement. Sandy seconded. Motion carried (4-0)

Patty noted that the Park budget is still on track and we are staying within our means.

The Park Bond is currently on schedule. The board reviewed the project list – how we got here and what does this cover. Brings us up to speed in some areas, puts us in a position to be proactive down the road and enables this to be a future financial opportunity for years to

come. Many things that our annual budget would or could not cover. The next step is to make the proposal presentation at the April 19 City Council meeting.

The picnic table project is moving forward as planned. 19 groups/individuals have signed up to paint refurbished picnic tables. As of right now 14 of these tables will be painted this Sunday at the Armory! This project will have an amazing impact on our parks and the community. Pictures and stories will be posted on line and in the Courier Times.

The Ted Fitzgerald Trail is moving along, as well. Going to be a great addition to the park and walkway to Wilbur Wright Elementary. Please keep in mind that with progress, there is a mess. Looking forward to the finished project.

The pool calendar is set for the 2021 season. We will be open June 1<sup>st</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>. This is due to the balanced school calendar. We are making progress on the remodeling, new UV filter for the splash pad and new tile has been installed. Lifeguard classes will be underway the next five weeks. 18 new guards and approximately 14 recertified guards to go along with 6 currently certified guards. Patty made a motion to approve the 2021 pool calendar as presented. Second by Dave. Motion carried (4-0)

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

None

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

See old/new business.

#### **CITIZEN CONCERNS**

None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:15PM, NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 3, 2021.