

SEMI-MONTHLY PARK BOARD MEETING

DATE: May 29, 2019
TIME: 4:15 PM

LOCATION: BOARD ROOM

PARK STAFF PRESENT: GARY BOWEN, GARY NOLLEY,
TERIE ANDERSON, MIKE BABBITT

OTHERS PRESENT: ANNE TUNGATE, ROSS FLINT, JEFF WRIGHT

PARK STAFF PRESENT: KAREN MARTIN – DIRECTOR
TRISHA TACKETT – RECREATION DIRECTOR
JENNIFER LEFFLER – ADMIN ASSISTANT

Terie Anderson made a motion to accept minutes from the May 8, 2019 meeting. Gary Nolley seconded motion. Motion carried.

Gary Nolley made a motion to accept departmental claims as presented. Terie Anderson seconded motion. Motion carried.

RECREATION REPORT:

Summer Camp--Trisha reports that the first day of summer camp was yesterday. She reports record number for attendance at 140 campers. She states that we will keep a close eye on the numbers to be sure we are within the ration guidelines. She states that we currently have 160 total registered in Adventure Camp and Camp Parks. She states that with the Junior Counselor program and the entire camp staff, there are 191 people.

Trisha reports that she is meeting with her ADs to be sure we are prepared for the larger enrollments.

Karen states that one of the main issues of concern is transportation and getting bus drivers. She states that getting bus drivers is difficult and expensive as there are not a lot of drivers that own their own buses. Karen asks the board to consider how we are to proceed with possibly of putting a cap on camp enrollments due to transportation concerns.

Pool Update--Trisha states that opening day for the pool was Sunday, May 26th. She states that attendance was very good and that they mayor even stopped by.

She reports that guards have been trained and that those that are new are still doing some shadowing with returning guards. She reports that new guards must shadow three times before taking the stand on their own.

Trisha reports that the credit card sales that are new to the pool this year are going pretty well but that there are some issues, especially with the machine in the concession area that needs to be worked out.

Trisha also states that the night swim this week saw increased attendance as well.

Gary B asked about the concrete around the new play piece. Trisha stated that she has contacted Splashtacular regarding the unacceptable work done with the concrete around the slide part of the new play piece and that they are aware that we are holding their final check until that is fixed. She states that she has been in contact with Daren Cord and that he may fix the concrete but will not be able to look at it until after the pool season ends. Trisha reports that Splashtacular is currently fabricating a new yellow showerhead for the original piece that was faulty.

Gary B mentioned the injury/incident that occurred over the holiday weekend and how well the staff responded to that emergency situation where a patron hit their head on the diving board and suffered a rather significant injury. Gary B also complimented the Fire Dept for their timely response as well.

Movies in the Park--Trisha reports that the first movie is set for June 7th at the pool. This Dive in Movie event is free to the public with gates opening at 8pm. She reports that Hotel Transylvania 3 will be shown and is sponsored by Crossroad Community Church.

Music in the Park--Trisha states that the first date for the summer music series is June 15th featuring the Gordon Bonham Blues Band & The Rob Dixon Trio Jazz Band.

Trisha reports that we have received a \$5,000 grant for next year's series. Karen reports that it takes approximately \$17,000 for the yearly series.

Swim Lessons--Trisha reports that we are currently taking enrollments for swim lessons. She states that session 1 begins next week.

SPORTS UPDATE

Chris states that some of the weekend fast pitch tournaments have recently suffered a bit due to the rainy weather conditions.

MAC Update--Chris states that the last tournament utilized the MAC and that traffic/parking went much better as it was better organized. He also stated that there were fewer teams playing at the MAC so that helped with the overall amount of vehicles. He stated that there were 12 teams at this event vs the 24 that were playing at the first event. Chris states that he believes there should never be more than 16 teams playing at the MAC.

Gary B asked about the netting. Chris stated that foul balls were not an issue with this event and that he is still working on trying to come up with a solution.

Gary N asked about the field conditions. Chris stated that they were pretty good but that TruGreen forgot to spray for weeks out there.

Blue River Memorial Park Diamonds--Chris reports that there is still an issue with drainage on D#4 at Blue River. He also reports that D#1 still has an issue with water pooling which is likely a result of grating.

Karen reports that we may have to have Mathies give us a quote on regrading that diamond.

Kennedy Park--Chris states that he has new basketball nets and a new 180 degree breakaway goals for that park but will wait to install once backboards are painted and squares are painted.

Hook A Kid on Golf--Chris reports that this program is coming up June 24-28 for ages 8-15.

Nerf Night--Chris states that he will have Nerf Night for the end of May but may consider suspending it after May for the remainder of the summer due to hot conditions in the gym during the summer months.

Upcoming Tournament--Chris states that the tournament coming up this weekend is baseball and will be held strictly at Blue River Memorial Park.

SCG Update--Chris states that opening day for SCG is scheduled for Saturday, June 8th. He reports that the plaques have been received and will be installed out at the MAC. Chris states that the ribbon cutting ceremony will take place on Monday, June 10th at 5:15pm.

Karen states that we need to make sure we invite the City Council, Mayor, Shelby County Tourism, Sandman Bros, all contractors who worked on the diamonds and anyone else that had some part in the rehabilitation and construction of the new diamonds at that facility.

Gary B asked how many teams will be playing at the MAC that night. Chris states there will be 8 teams.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

In Terry's absence, Karen reports that benches and tables moved to the dog park. She states that fountains will be installed tomorrow as well as grass seed.

OLD BUSINESS

Clearwick Park--Karen reports that the old playground equipment is being removed. She states that the plastics is being recycled and that the metal scrap is being recycled at Pettit's. She states that the concrete will go to the City Garage.

Karen states that once ground prep is complete, Miracle Playgrounds will come in to install. She is hoping to be complete within 30 days.

Dog Park--Karen reports that things are coming together with the dog park. She is working on getting key fobs for the gate. She states that at the next board meeting she hopes to have an opening date.

Maintenance Bldg/Sewage Infrastructure--Karen states that City Hall is working with Johnson and Mellow regarding solar panel installation on the new maintenance building. She reports that the construction has been delayed because of this consideration. She reports that they are waiting to see if panels can be mounted on top of the building.

Gary N stated that we wouldn't modify the plans of our building to accommodate the panels so why the delay in getting the bids out. Karen states that she is not sure. She states that she will ask Jenny that question.

Mike B asked when the solar plan option came up. Karen stated that it came up recently in a meeting with City Hall.

Karen shows the drawings to the board of the sewage infrastructure. She states that she is not signing off on the plan as there are some items missing from the plan. ()

Karen reviews the map with the board referencing the handouts.

Chris asks if this new plan only includes softball. He states that he would like to see more diversity in the park and the potential for an indoor fieldhouse facility for multiple sporting events. Karen states that the infrastructure is not just for softball and that it includes any potential build out at BRMP.

Bridge 13 Update--Karen reports that the ribbon cutting will likely be either July 1st or July 8th.

US Fish & Wildlife--Karen states that she met with Julie Kemnitz regarding new plans for the wildflowers. She refers to the plans that she copied for the board and she reviews that updated plan.

Karen reviews that plan for the wildflower distribution with the board.

Gary N asked who is planting. Karen states that it doesn't have to be a farmer.

Chris states that he will spray this year per contract that was awarded prior to his hiring.

Gary N suggested that we get a free seeder from the location in Manilla.

Pickleball Update--Karen states that Larry Atwood came in to look at the courts at Morrison. He stated that he could lay some type of caulking to seal the cracks and level out. Karen reports that she is getting a quote for that.

Gary N asked what the cost breakdown would be per participant. Karen states that she does not now. Gary suggests that if we don't know the dollar amount then we can't justify the expense.

Mike B states that if we provide the courts, the number of players will increase.

Chris asked if we were putting basketball courts at the Morrison Park location. He was under the impression that we were doing basketball courts there. Karen states that we can do that as well.

Terie A states that she has had people asking her about the status of the courts and she would just like to know for sure what the plan is going to be. She states that she had suggested last year hosting a tournament but that hasn't happened.

NEW BUSINESS

Splash Pad--Karen reports that the splash pad has a cracked casing. She states that is being replaced and she plans to reopen by Saturday, June 1st.

Budget--Karen reports that she will be working on the budget. She states that it is due by Friday, June 7th. She reports that some items to be considered this next year is updates to the RecTrac software program, equipment needs at the parks.

Gary N states that he would like to see items that have been deferred from the maintenance list completed.

Adjournment at 5:23pm
