

SEMI-MONTHLY PARK BOARD MEETING

DATE: JANUARY 12, 2022
TIME: 4:15 PM

LOCATION: BOARD ROOM, PARKS DEPT

PARK BOARD PRESENT: GARY NOLLEY, GARY BOWEN,
TERIE ANDERSON, TAMMY KNOX

OTHERS PRESENT: HANNAH GUNNELL - SHELBYVILLE NEWS
ANNA TUNGATE - ADDISON TIMES
JEFF BROWN - GIANT 95
JENNY MELTZER - GIRL SCOUTS
JUNE MELTZER - GIRL SCOUTS
ALEXA WETTRICK - GIRL SCOUTS
GRACE DEBAUN - GIRL SCOUTS
NOAH HENDERSON - MORRISON PARK PROJECT

PARK STAFF PRESENT: TRISHA TACKETT - ASST DIR/REC DIR
CHRIS STEPHENS - SPORTS/MAINT DIR
AMY WISKER - ADMIN ASST

Election of Officers - Gary Nolley asked for nominations for president. Terie Anderson nominated Gary Bowen for president and Gary Nolley for vice president. She stated they had each held the position for two years and then rotated. No other nominations were made. Tammy Knox seconded the motion. Motion carried. Gary Bowen will be president for 2022 with Gary Nolley as vice president.

Gary Bowen asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 8 , 2021 meeting and to accept claims as presented. Terie motioned to approve the minutes and claims, Gary Nolley seconded. Motion carried.

RECREATION REPORT

Trisha told the board that she is working on special events until a new special events coordinator is hired. Coming up in February is Mother/Son and Daddy/Daughter nights. The theme this year is the 50's.

In addition to finalizing Music in the Park for this summer, she is working on the summer guide. This includes getting with instructors, setting dates and times, and deciding when to open facilities.

Trisha reported that applications for summer staff such as pool management, lifeguards, pool concession, admission, camp counselors are due January 31st. Then February 1st application will be accepted for new staff. She is currently working with Rob on ways to be more competitive with hiring summer staff. One idea to help is to reimburse lifeguards for certifications. These certifications typically cost \$250. Decisions need to be made now, before these people find jobs elsewhere. She is also working on some promo videos to share on social media as well. The high school will be allowing us to use their pool for certifications this year.

Trisha is also working on a promo video for Preschool. She and Rob have a meeting with the preschool teachers on Monday.

Trisha will also be planning for the Easter Egg Hunt, which isn't till April, but like all special events, they need to be planned well in advance.

SPORTS REPORT

Women's volleyball started Tuesday. There are 6 teams in A league, 7 in B and 5 in coed. Coed will start this Sunday.

Chris told the board that the basketball league will start January 26th.

The new pickleball league will start February 3rd. We currently have 7 signed up for A, 1 in the B and 2 in the C. Registration just started Monday. Parks will handle setting up and inputting scores. Players will call their own games.

MAINTENANCE

Chris told the board that the mowing contracts are up, but he would like to extend them for another year then bid out. Chris has asked Jenny Meltzer, city attorney, and she said that would be ok. He would also like to extend the spraying and fertilization for another year. Terie motioned to extend the contracts for one year, Tammy seconded. Motion carried.

Chris reported that the concrete has been poured at the pool and is now fully cured. The diamond brite will be done this spring.

Splashtacular will be redoing the large slide. Chris is waiting to hear back about the date.

Trisha is also waiting on a date for a new sound system to be installed at the pool.

Chris told the board that the new chute slides still need to be placed correctly. They received the wrong piece and then installed it incorrectly. It was placed too close and needs to be moved back. Trisha is holding the bill until this is completed to our satisfaction.

Chris said that he has been asked for the Parks Dept to store the Christmas houses that were originally used downtown. In order to do this he would like to extend fencing at the maintenance shop by five panels per side or roughly 40 feet. Chris got a quote of \$7,700 to do this. The board approved doing this if Rob can find the money in the budget to do so. If not, the houses will go back to the street department for storage. The Blue River Vocational School will be refurbishing some of the toy houses.

Chris showed the board pictures of vandalism at Sunrise park where someone pulled the door frame out of the wall at the shelter women's restroom. Someone also set fire to a big tree at Sunset. The fire department was called to put it out. It appears that the tree will fall into the river. There have also been incidents of people doing donuts in the grass. It was out of the camera's view. Gary Nolley asked Chris if he has a dollar value on vandalism repairs or the number of incidents. He thought it might help to let the public know what it is costing them.

Chris said that they have had trouble finding eggshell gray paint here in town. He has been told there is a shortage. He will try to go out of town to find it.

Tammy asked if we have seen a decline since the YMCA opened. Chris said we don't really know yet. Our basketball leagues cost more, so that could be an issue. They also offer water aerobics and swim lessons. Karate and Zumba have taken some or all of their classes to that facility as well. The board suggested we may look for niches, like archery or ping pong.

Tammy also asked if our fitness room membership has dropped. Amy told the board that it is mostly city employees. There are a handful of public members. Chris said that some of the equipment is starting to need replacing, such as the elliptical machines. They have also used black electric tape to fix some other items.

OLD BUSINESS

Noah Henderson reported an update to the board on the project at Morrison Park. Prototypes for information stations started and funds available Jan 2. Be done in February and will have

something for them to look at next month. He has had Shelby Materials look at concrete pads for gaga ball and 9 square. The current one there is pretty broken up and could use some repairs. Trisha said the camp uses it often during the summer. Noah said they didn't want to take anything away. Discussion took place about where to place these concrete pads. One side asked for them to be close to the shelter so parents could watch kids, but the other side suggested that if someone had a reservation without kids it might cause some unwanted noise for them. After viewing a picture of Morrison, it was decided that the current one is not too close and the others could be installed to the south. Noah will be getting more concrete quotes to have the one removed and others installed. Noah spoke with Girls Inc. They received a grant from BRCF with funds routed through Girls Inc. Noah also reached back out to the casino at the first of the year. Gary Nolley asked about a trail. Noah said Karen had mentioned a trail before retiring, but he will get with Rob to get his decision. Gary Nolley suggested getting in touch with Girls Inc and the Boys Club about the trail as well. Noah's biggest concern with the trail is making sure it still fits for everyone's use. Chris asked Jenny what kind of a line was found running through Morrison. Jenny said it was a water line. Noah showed the board his preliminary idea of where a trail could go. Jenny pulled it up and said there is a storm sewer line and she is assuming there is a water line as well. Gary Nolley asked if asphalt is cheaper. Chris said it used to be, but not currently. Gary Bowen asked Noah what his timeline is. As soon as the information stations are completed and he gets approval from the board they will begin installing them. Chris asked the dimensions of the concrete pads to be installed. Noah said they would be roughly 13 x 13 for the 9 square and 12 x 12 for the gaga ball. Noah told the board that he currently has \$17,000 for this project and is following up with other potential donors. Gary Nolley told Noah that Trisha could help advertise for donations through the Parks social media accounts.

Alexa Wettrick, girl scout troop 1325, asked the board about putting a zen garden at Morrison Park. A zen garden is a traditional Japanese meditation area. They would like to start this spring. June Meltzer, girl scout, told the board her troop is collecting plastic caps to help pay for benches for the zen garden. They cannot accept medicine bottles and no plastic mixed with metal. Tammy Knox said she has about 500 pounds of caps she will donate. The girl scouts will sort caps. Gary Bowen asked where they were collecting them. June said they can be dropped off at the Parks Dept. Grace DeBaun, via Google Meets, shared a presentation she prepared for the zen garden. She then showed the board two different designs which included plantings. Gary Nolley said there is a bench sitting at the city garage that is not being used. The girl scouts have been learning to write grants to raise money. After discussion about location, Terie motioned to allow the girl scouts to put the zen garden at Morrison Park. Tammy seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Board meeting dates were previously given to the board.

DIRECTOR REPORT

No report

Adjournment at 5:56 pm
