

SEMI-MONTHLY PARK BOARD MEETING

DATE: FEBRUARY 9, 2022
TIME: 4:15 PM

LOCATION: BOARD ROOM, PARKS DEPT

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

OTHERS PRESENT: HANNAH GUNNELL - SHELBYVILLE NEWS
ANNA TUNGATE - ADDISON TIMES
NOAH HENDERSON - MORRISON PARK PROJECT

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

Gary Bowen asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 26, 2022 meeting and to accept claims as presented. Terie motioned to approve the minutes and claims, Tammy seconded. Motion carried.

RECREATION REPORT

Trisha told the board they will be starting interviews for the special event coordinator. Deadline for applications was today. We received 8-10 applications. She is also working on the summer guide, locking down dates, times and events. She just finished Music in the Park information and got that out on social media.

Trisha told the board that Mother/Son and Daddy/Daughter are coming up on the 20th and 27th. The theme this year is 50's and there are still spots available.

Trisha said they are still working on the seasonal staff. Applications for returning and new staff will be accepted until the end of February. We are also hosting a lifeguarding class at the high school on Feb. 18-20. They will also offer another one later on. Anyone interested in lifeguarding but not yet certified needs to go ahead and apply by the end of February. She asked that they put that they are getting certified on the application.

SPORTS REPORT

Chris said volleyball is going well. Pickleball league got moved to this Thursday due to the snow storm last Thursday. The girls softball camp was canceled last Friday due to the school being closed from the snow storm.

MAINTENANCE

Chris told the board that all of the mowers have agreed to come back for another year at the same price. Trugreen will also be extended one more year.

The new shoot slide for the pool finally came in. They will be coming to install it tomorrow. Chris will meet with them at 9 or 9:30.

Chris told the board he received a quote for the vandalism at Blue River, but has not gotten an updated one for the concession at Sunrise. Gary Bowen asked if there has been any more vandalism. Chris said no. Gary asked about the restroom at the fairgrounds. Chris said yes some boards have been ripped off the fence, but that is for the fairgrounds to fix. He spoke with Jeff Pruitt of the fairgrounds and they may end up taking that fence down.

The guys have been working on seasonal maintenance projects. They got the utility trailer done and the airline moved which has been a tremendous help. They have also been working on some props for Trisha.

OLD BUSINESS

Noah Henderson gave the board an update on the Morrison project. The 9 square game has been purchased and it will be shipped to the shop at Blue River Memorial Park. He confirmed with the shipping company that they are responsible for unloading this. He asked them to call when they are ready to deliver. Noah will bring prototypes of the information stations to the next meeting for the board's approval.

Noah gave the board pictures of the Morrison Park sign and the monument at the park. He discussed the proposed landscaping around each and asked for the board's approval. He showed the board a sample of the stone this is being proposed to put in and explained why it would be a better choice. The current round rock is subject to roll out into the grass and can be a trip hazard as well as a hazard to the mowing crew. At the monument there are 4 bushes and Noah would like to remove the left one in the front to eliminate hiding places and make it look more symmetrical. They will also be replacing the walkway so it runs parallel to the monument instead of up to it. The quote for both is \$5,000 from Mathies.

Noah showed the board a picture of the area where the gaga ball and 9 square will be. He said he assumed the dinosaurs currently there will be moved. Chris said they will try to get them moved in March once the weather warms us some. The two dinosaurs and the frog will be moved over by the playground.

Noah told the board that the proposed walking path is already on the grant list for the city according to Jenny Meltzer, city attorney. This will not be done for about three years. Noah suggested using the money he had set aside for that on something else. After discussion, he will allocate some of this money to go towards two basketball goals for the new courts at Morrison. Gary Bowen said the plan is to move the fencing currently at the old skate park and put up two basketball courts. The fencing will be moved to the MAC and the old tennis courts at Morrison will become 4 or 6 pickleball courts. The city will be making the parking lot bigger by about 20 spots. Tammy asked what the plans for the horseshoe pits at Morrison are. Chris said they will probably just remove them.

NEW BUSINESS

DIRECTOR REPORT

Rob went over some projects for this spring. He did a walkthrough with the board. The parking lot at Clearwick is a top priority to be done this spring. The Morrison parking lot by the old skate park will be redone to add 23 additional spots. They will be sealing the parking at Blue River by the splash pad as well as over by the softball fields. They will be working on some shade structures at Blue River. These will all be paid for by the Racino Capital repairs fund and will come to about \$82,000. The remaining \$18,000 will go toward emergency repairs.

Rob told the board that we have a leak in the gym at the Civic Center. There is a group coming out tomorrow to access this.

Rob has been working on accessing staff and meeting with everyone to see if we are structured for success.

Adjournment at 4:50 pm
