

SEMI-MONTHLY PARK BOARD MEETING

DATE: JANUARY 26, 2022
TIME: 4:15 PM

LOCATION: BOARD ROOM, PARKS DEPT

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

OTHERS PRESENT: HANNAH GUNNELL - SHELBYVILLE NEWS
ANNA TUNGATE - ADDISON TIMES
JEFF BROWN - GIANT 95
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 12, 2022 meeting and to accept claims as presented. Gary N. motioned to approve the minutes and claims, Tammy seconded. Motion carried.

RECREATION REPORT

Trisha told the board she is working on Mother/Son and Daddy/Daughter nights which are coming up in February.

She is also sending out information to get sponsors for Music in the Parks. She asked Tammy if she had received her letter at the Casino. Tammy told her she was not in that department any longer, but would check with Casey Gideon who is now over community relations. Gary Nolley asked Trisha to send him one as well. Carpenter Realty reached out to us about donating for Music in the Parks and Easter. Amy is helping with the grant for this event as well.

Trisha has met with Rob about filling the special events position. Rob stated that it would be posted tomorrow.

Trisha is also working on the summer guide. She is also working on schedule for the pool as far as opening, what activities to have and summer employment. New applicants may start applying February 1st. They will be taken until the end of February. Returning staff have until January 31st to reapply. Trisha is also trying to plan a lifeguarding class to help kids get their certification. There are a couple of management positions available at the pool. She is working on the promo for that. Gary Nolley asked where we are as far as being able to compensate summer staff. Rob said they have been doing analysis on pay rates, the possibility of reimbursement and other options. They are still looking at reimbursement for certifications or hourly bonuses. The cheapest lifeguard certification Trisha has been able to find so far is between \$200 and \$250. This is a two year certification.

SPORTS REPORT

Chris reported that volleyball leagues on Tuesday and Sunday are going well. The basketball league was pushed back to start February 9th due to a lack of registrations. He will be reaching out to some today.

Chris told the board that the new pickleball league will start Thursday, February 3rd. There are currently 21 people registered. They were hoping to get 30.

MAINTENANCE

Chris told the board that two out of the three mowing contractors have agreed to continue for the upcoming season. He is still trying to contact the third one. Truegreen has also agreed to extend one more year on their contract for spraying and fertilization.

Chris said that Spear Corporation is still scheduled to come in this spring to install the diamond brite, the expansion joints and rubber epoxy. He does not yet have a specific date.

Chris told the board that we are still waiting on the slide tube for the new chute slides.

Chris said we have always gotten our playground mulch from Miracle. He has talked with Mathies and they can get us the exact same playground mulch from the same company. They are going to get him a quote.

Chris thanked Jeff Brown and Giant FM as well as Max Lewis and Fox 59 with their coverage of the park vandalism. Rob said we have had people start to reach out to us to help with repairs at no cost to the Parks. Day to Day Plumbing offered to do some work for free. We have already fixed that part, but it was nice to have them offer.

Chris told the board he received a quote from AK Construction for the vandalism at the fishing node, splash pad and Sunrise. The quote was \$8,700. Chris forwarded it onto the prosecutor. The board asked how many were being prosecuted. Chris said he was not given that information.

Chris said the maintenance staff is working on some miscellaneous projects. They are making a giant record for the Mother/Son & Daddy/Daughter events. They are also redoing a tilt trailer. They took it to pick up a lift and the place refused to put in on our trailer. They put new boards and lights on it and sanded it down and painted it. The cost was around \$300 compared to approximately \$3,000 to replace it. They will be running an airline from the compressor at the back of the shop to give access out any of the doors.

OLD BUSINESS

Noah Henderson reported to the board regarding updates to Morrison Park. He asked if everyone had the pictures he sent by email. The board members were given copies. Day and Day Construction agreed to do the estimating for the concrete pads for free. Airl Coffey of AK Construction contacted Shelby Materials and they agreed to donate all the concrete for free and AK Construction will donate the work for free. The monument cleaning, leveling the pavers, tree removal and additional landscaping around the Morrison Park sign are still being quoted, so those totals are just estimates. Gary Nolley asked if the sign needed to be replaced. Noah stated that wasn't in the budget. Noah suggested wrapping the sign.

Noah is still working with Jenny Meltzer on the walking trail to see if the city can get a grant for this trail. The trail would include current sidewalks.

Noah told the board that the existing concrete pad would be removed and a new one installed to replace it with the other two by the dinosaurs. Rob said they will be moving the dinosaurs into the mulch area by the playground and the frog over by the zen garden. Noah said he imagined keeping the talking post.

Noah asked if we could approve those locations, he would get with AK Construction to get on their schedule once the weather permits.

Noah asked if anyone had questions regarding the gaga pit or the 9 square. He showed the board a picture of what the 9 square would look like. The structure is designed to go onto a concrete pad. The metal piping is 1.9 inches wide and the thickness is .3 inches. He feels this would be sturdy enough. Noah has discussed the installation with Chris. It will be a light blue powder coat to prevent rust.

Noah asked the board for approval to order the 9 square game, gaga ball pit supplies and construction, to move forward with AK Construction for that area to be estimated and the concrete poured as soon as the weather permits. Noah also asked for permission to use the material he showed the board for the information stations. They can be reprinted for \$20 and then slid into a metal frame. He would also like to get approval to designate May 28th as the volunteer date so he can start promoting that. Gary Nolley motioned to approve for Noah to move forward with all mentioned above. Tammy seconded the motion, motion carried.

Gary Nolley asked if Noah had any plans for a dedication ceremony. Noah said he has given it some thought, but it hasn't really been his focus yet.

NEW BUSINESS

DIRECTOR REPORT

Gary Nolley asked if Clearwick's parking was definitely getting done this year. Rob said he and Chris are going through and prioritizing everything. Clearwick is up on the list. Rob spoke with John Kuntz about the parking lot at Morrison. They feel they can find an additional 20 parking spaces. The city will be doing the street that is right next to there so that will be taken care of.

Rob has been meeting with the staff to get a picture of where we are with everything. He has been getting caught up with the budgets.

Rob approved looking to fill the special events coordinator position. He feels this position is important. When summer comes around and Trisha has the pool and the camp going, we need someone to support her during that time as well as other special events throughout the year.

Adjournment at 5:12 pm
