

SEMI-MONTHLY PARK BOARD MEETING

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

LOCATION: BOARD ROOM, PARKS DEPT

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

OTHERS PRESENT: HANNAH GUNNELL - SHELBYVILLE NEWS
ANNA TUNGATE - ADDISON TIMES
JEFF BROWN - GIANT FM (via Google Meet)

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 February 23, 2022 meeting and to accept claims as presented. Gary Nolley motioned to approve the minutes and claims, Tammy seconded. Motion carried.

RECREATION REPORT

Trisha reported that the summer guide is supposed to be out at the end of this week or Monday in the Savor Gator.

She has several interviews scheduled for the pool concession, admissions, lifeguards and day camp. She only has four lifeguards not returning. She is very happy with the amount of applications this year. Raises are scheduled to be approved on the 16th of March.

Trisha has set dates for staff orientations. They are May 1st for the pool staff and May 17th for the day camp staff.

She sent Easter sponsor letters out the week before last. The egg hunt will be on April 9th at Kennedy Park.

The new special events coordinator, Tiffany Kredit, started yesterday. Trisha sat with her and went over a lot of information and updated her on what she was currently working on to hand over to her and what still needs to be done.

The garage sale is coming up May 7th.

SPORTS REPORT

Chris reported that the basketball camp was a success and finished up last Saturday. Co-ed volleyball will finish the regular season this Sunday with the tournament the following Sunday. Women's A & B league volleyball will finish the regular season on Tuesday and the tournament will be played on the following Tuesday.

There will be a men's softball tournament on March 19th to benefit Gary Oldham, Jr. The next tournament will be April 1st. Chris had someone else ask about using Blue River on the 19th of March. He told them it was already booked but they could use Sunrise if they would like, but the concession and restrooms would not be open that early.

The pickleball group is asking if we would get wind screens for the courts at Kennedy park. They found some on Amazon for \$55 that are 6 ft by 50 ft. JD Martin said he would install it. Gary Nolley said that the high school has taken theirs down due to them coming down a lot. Tammy said that the price seemed cheap.

MAINTENANCE

Chris told the board that the maintenance staff is working on the flags at the Blue River diamonds, Kennedy and Clearwick.

They have started mulching the playgrounds. Morrison and Blue River are pretty low. He anticipates needing to bring in six more tri axle trucks of mulch.

Chris met with Jamie Merringer today on the diamonds at Blue River. There are a lot of issues. The grading is different on each one. He is not sure when they were last graded. Diamonds three and four are similar, but two is different from one, three and four and one is different from the others as well. Gary Nolley asked what problems this causes. Chris said mainly drainage problems. They would move the dirt around, till it and roll it. Then once they get it compacted they would add the diamond mix, conditioner and top dressing. It will take one day per diamond and cost ten to twelve thousand dollars per diamond. Rob said that the first $\frac{2}{3}$ of that amount is pretty easy to find in the budget, but the last $\frac{1}{3}$ is going to be the question. The mix will include a synthetic blend that is supposed to absorb water quicker and get rid of it

quicker. Jamie also told Chris they should not ever work up the infields more than a half inch. If they get hard, the best thing is to turn on the irrigation and let the water soften them up. The new diamond groomers should help with this as well instead of the big tractors. Sunrise will also need some work.

Maintenance staff will be working on the diamonds at Sunrise and the MAC to get them ready for games.

They will start removing the wooden posts at Clearwick tomorrow. Gary Nolley said there is some split rail broken in the back. After some discussion, it was decided to remove the split rail fence.

They will also be removing the dinosaur and frog at Morrison and storing them in the shop there until they are ready to be reinstalled.

Chris said they hope to start drilling the holes at Blue River for the fitness equipment next week.

Chris spoke with John Day and Scott from Miracle and they are hoping to install the chute slides at the pool in the next two weeks.

Maintenance will start putting the bathrooms back together on March 28th. We have already put the soccer and trailhead back together, but they are both heated. They should all be done by April 1st.

Chris said they are looking at ideas for the bongo drums at Blue River. They are getting broken and/or stolen.

Chris told the board that the roof at the civic center is bad. He had Cord Brothers come and look at it. They said it is twenty-five to thirty years old. This isn't the main roof that Johnson & Melloh put in over the gym. It is all the sides that have slopes and the rubber roofs on the other flat surfaces. The roof is bad where it slopes and on the flat surfaces. It has started leaking. Johnson & Melloh put in rolled insulation instead of spray in. Chris questioned this at the time, but was told it was ok. The plywood is now popped up because of the insulation on inside and outside creating moisture. Cord Brothers has done work before and has pictures of the roof from 2020 prior to the work done by Johnson & Melloh and there were no waves in the boards like there are now. Rob told the board Chris will talk with John at city hall in the engineering dept and also Jenny the city attorney to see what options are available.

Rob asked about the mulch rings around the trees at Blue River. He asked for input for next year. They will still do it this year.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

DIRECTOR REPORT

Rob went over the capital improvement plan that he is working on for the Mayor. He had emailed it to the board. He asked for the board’s feedback by the end of the week. The plan currently includes basketball/pickleball courts at Morrison, roof at the civic center, amphitheater, additional shelter house at Blue River diamonds to replace the tent, aquatic center roof repair, sunrise concession repair/replace, Kennedy/Sunset playground surface, pool at Blue River. Rob will be submitting it next Tuesday. Rob is also getting more info for auto locks and additional cameras that may be added to this list. Gary Nolley said we can’t put off repairs.

Rob will be reaching out to the committee of the park impact fee to begin to take a look at what we can change and how we can use that money.

Rob got the RFP done for the concession stand. He is waiting on Jenny, city attorney, with an amendment or two. Rob will email that when it is ready and also put on social media and share with different organizations about running the softball concessions. He would like to have those returned by the end of the month.

Gary Bowen asked where we are on the basketball court at Kennedy. Chris said he believes Jenny sent an email to the company involved. Gary asked him to follow up on that.

Adjournment at 5:10 pm
