

SEMI-MONTHLY PARK BOARD MEETING

DATE: APRIL 13, 2022

TIME: 4:15 PM

LOCATION: BOARD ROOM, PARKS DEPT

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

OTHERS PRESENT: HANNAH GUNNELL - SHELBYVILLE NEWS
ANNA TUNGATE - ADDISON TIMES
JEFF BROWN - GIANT FM

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 March 23, 2022 meeting and to accept claims as presented. Terie motioned to approve the minutes and claims, Tammy seconded. Motion carried.

RECREATION REPORT

Trisha reported that Brownies and Bunnies was held a couple of weeks back. There were 30 registered, which was a full class. Jill Coen, the instructor, did a great job and it went very well. This event was Tiffany's first event as Special Events Coordinator and she did a great job.

The Easter Egg Hunt was held last Saturday. The weather was terrible. It was cold and sleeting. After two years of not having the event due to covid, Trisha was very happy with how many did come out. Barnyard Party Pals were also there with their animals. The bunny arrived on the fire truck as usual and it went well. She is guessing attendance was around 200-250. Tiffany did a great job as well for her first big event. Carpenter Realty, Eagles, Wal-Mart and J&L Tool stepped up as event sponsors. Trisha also thanked the media for their coverage.

Trisha is mostly finished with hiring summer staff. The pool is scheduled to open on May 28th. Orientation for the staff is coming up soon. She is still looking for an assistant pool manager but are back to full staff for the lifeguards.

The new PA system will be installed soon at the pool. The old one went out after some storms last year. The chute slides are now installed. They are still working on the diamond bright and tiles so they can get the pool filled.

Registration for swim lessons are going well as are pool rentals and birthday parties.

Summer camp registrations are coming in as well.

Preschool registration for the upcoming fall is open at this time.

The first concert for Music in the Park will be in June. Teddy Bear Tumblers in the Park will also start in June and the Splash Pad will open May 28th.

The Garage Sale is scheduled for May 7th and we are full with a waiting list.

SPORTS REPORT

Chris reported that the first two softball tournaments went well. He had gotten positive feedback from the directors. He got minimal calls compared to last year. The new staff is getting more experience and doing well. Most of the calls were about plumbing issues. Chris talked to Rob about switching toilets to automatic flush. He will get some quotes.

The new diamond groomer is working out great. Another one has been ordered that should be in in June.

Shawna Kitchen is the new concession manager and has been doing a great job. Rob told the board that the softball concession brought in \$9,000 for the first three tournaments in 2021, and to date with only two tournaments they have brought in \$16,000. Rob told the board that Amy and Chris did a good job working together to get the invoices out to the tournament directors. Chris acknowledged having Tiffany do some training with Shawna has also been beneficial.

Volleyball is now over. Chris is getting ready for Shelby County Girls Softball, 40 & Over softball and men's and coed leagues. Gary Nolley asked Chris about the 40 & Over league. He had

spoken to someone who had a team that is not playing this year due to the game being too fast now because of the balls. Chris said he will bring it up to the coaches and see what they think.

Chris is getting together with Noah Henderson on May 2nd at Morrison. Noah has a lot of volunteers so they are going to see what all they can accomplish.

Terie asked about the employee that was injured. Rob said at this time we do not know how long he will be off, but it will be quite a while. Chris has adjusted schedules to try and cover. Rob told the board that one of our employees received accommodation from the Mayor for applying a tourniquet and saving the other employee's life.

MAINTENANCE

Chris reported that as mentioned at the last meeting he received a quote of \$113,000 to fix the roof from Cord Brothers. He got a quote for them to remove the insulation and put in the foam insulation of \$149,000. He is working on a report to go back to Johnson & Melloh with.

The chute slides are now installed correctly and how we wanted. If something happens within 2 years, they will fix it. Splashtacular is working on the large slide. They will be sanding it down and recoating the inside.

The poles were removed at Clearwick and the holes filled.

Morrison and Sunrise were both vandalized last weekend. A door was ripped off inside the women's restroom at Morrison. Someone took all the feminine waste containers off the wall in the women's restroom at Sunrise.

Chris told the board that he got a hold of Jamie Merringer, with Advanced Turf Solutions, about doing the diamonds at Blue River. He told Chris he is not sure when they can get to them because he can't find trucks to pick up the material from Alabama.

Atwood poured the concrete where the bad pipe had to be fixed at the pool, but they didn't cut an expansion joint. They will be back this Friday to do that.

Chris is still trying to get a hold of Roger Bush with Spear.

Fairground restrooms are open now.

Chris told the board he had some issues with the lights at Sunrise. They replaced the breaker and they are now working. Custer Electric will be coming to replace some lights that are out at Blue River on the ball diamonds. Custer will also look at the parking lot lights at Blue River to see what is needed to get them fixed. Gary Nolley said the high school got new lights that are lower and much brighter.

Chris said that he and Rob met at the splash pad and talked with Roger from Spear about switching out some equipment and chemicals and also replacing some play pieces. The spray guns don't work. He is also looking into some lights.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

DIRECTOR REPORT

Rob told the board that Trisha did a great job with the Easter Egg Hunt. He stated that he doesn't know if he's ever met someone in his life that cares as much about special events as Trisha does. She puts everything into it and does a good job.

Rob stated that Shawna has stepped into her job and is doing very well. He is proud of the team so far this spring.

Rob told the board that they are live now with the Maintenance Care app. This is our new work order app. They have not yet trained the staff on using it. Rob gave a demonstration of the program on the smart tv. He told the board he would make it available to them as well in case they have something to add or are informed by someone of something. He showed them that it has task types and locations.

This app will also give them the ability to track how much money we are spending on vandalism. He will be able to run a report on all vandalism. Rob wants to also put QR codes at all the parks that will take the general public to this app as well. Gary Nolley said that would be great. Rob will continue to build it. Another feature is that they will also be able to attach videos or pictures of how they do certain procedures, like winterization, for the staff to view each year. Rob told the board that the staff has ipads and he purchased portable wifi ports so it can be used at the parks that don't have wifi. There are some portions of the app that work without wifi. When the maintenance staff update the ipad on what was done, it will update Chris and

Rob believes it will also update the originator if they put in their email. Chris said another feature will be the ability to track if they are changing the same light bulb that maybe they need to look further than the bulb for the cause. Everything will get sent to Chris, and we can also send certain things to the guys who have those parks. It should be ready to use by the staff in a couple more weeks.

Gary Bowen asked Chris to follow up with the prosecutor regarding vandalism and if any restitution will be coming back to the parks.

Adjournment at 4:55 pm
