

SEMI-MONTHLY PARK BOARD MEETING

DATE: AUGUST 10, 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 95 - via Google Meets

PARK STAFF PRESENT: ROB VAN TIL - DIRECTOR
DOUG CONNER - MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR
TRISHA TACKETT - RECREATION DIRECTOR
CHRIS STEPHENS - SPORTS DIRECTOR
AMY WISKER - ADMIN ASST

Gary Bowen asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 27, 2022 meeting and to accept claims as presented. Gary N. motioned to approve the minutes and claims, Terie seconded. Motion carried.

RECREATION REPORT

Trisha reported that the pool will close this Sunday, August 14th after Doggie Day from 4-6pm. This will be a cash only event. Last day for the public is Saturday the 13th, hours are noon to 6pm. She is working on the closing list for the pool to give to Doug for maintenance.

Trisha complimented the pool staff for a great job. Rob complimented Trisha on the job she does getting the staff hired. He stated other places are extremely short staffed and have had to close facilities, but Trisha has a well established pipeline of kids who want to work there which is all a result of the work she does. Rob continued by saying that Trisha and Chris did a phenomenal job by putting in a lot of time and dedication to keep the pool open this year. Trisha not only with staffing, but being at the pool, sometimes late at night, adjusting things and working with the chemicals.

Rob is working on scheduling a couple different pool maintenance companies to access the work that was done this past spring to make sure it is holding up correctly.

Trisha told the board that camp went very well. The camp staff were very supportive and came to work. She will be offering a winter camp again over the Christmas break.

Preparing for another year of preschool. She has a maintenance list for Doug to prepare. She hired a new aide, Grace Vanosdol for preschool. Meet the Teacher night will be August 19th at 6pm. Then classes start the following Monday on the 22nd.

Trisha told the board that Matt has been very helpful getting things ready for the program transition. Chris said that Greg Segio will be in Friday to fix the wall in the preschool room. Danny will then come in and paint and wax floors.

Trisha reported that Teddy Bear Tumbling will start in September. She is also working on the fall/winter guide which will go out to homes the week of September 12th in the Savor Gator.

Special Events have gone well. Tiffany is doing a good job. The last Music in the Park was about 220 people. They are looking at ways to restructure the program for next year. The last one for this year will be September 23rd.

Tiffany is also preparing for Halloween. She and Doug are going to meet to look at props, etc.

Wine and Canvas is coming up in September and registrations are being taken now.

SPORTS REPORT

Chris told the board that there were two tournaments this past weekend. Brian's Heart and Special Olympics tournaments both went well. He got a lot of compliments on the diamonds. He appreciates Rob helping get the diamonds redone. This has saved me from having to cancel due to rain on a couple of occasions already. Chris said that having Custer come out and replace approximately 21 lightbulbs on the fields has helped a lot as well.

Mens Thursday night league tournament will be this Thursday at Blue River. He reported that he will start the fall league for this night next week. Coed softball fall league will start this Friday.

Chris reported that the Shelby County Girls softball league ended on July 28th. He received positive feedback including the pictures and having the snowcone truck, Snowy of Indy there.

Chris told the board that pickleball will be starting another league September 12th. The A league is already full.

Adult volleyball leagues will be starting soon.

Chris told the board that he has had a total of 57 teams in our leagues. He anticipates by the end of the year it being over 100, this does not include pickleball. Chris thanked Ryan Welch, John Karnes and Nick Kelsay for umpiring the adult leagues. Chris also thanked the girls softball umpires who showed up each night to provide their services. All umpires were USSSA certified except for one who is a high school athlete that plays at a high level. His concession staff, managed by Shawna Kitchen, has also done extremely well. There has been a lot less turnover. Gary Bowen asked if Chris knew how many tournament teams we have had so far in the parks. Chris said he can get that number. The tournament directors give him that report at the end of the year.

MAINTENANCE

Doug reported that there has been no new vandalism the past couple of weeks. The urinal came in today for the Sunrise bathroom. They will be getting it installed.

Doug said that someone came out today to look at the leaky heads near the splash pad that Terie brought up. There are seven heads that need a new O ring. The water is still shut off as of now, but they can turn on if needed.

Doug told the board that the splash pad is back up and running as of 3:00pm today.

Doug reported that he has had the staff go around pulling and spraying weeds. He will probably finish that up this weekend.

Gary Nolley said he had someone contact him about the water pressure at the trailhead bathrooms being low. Doug will look at it.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

DIRECTOR REPORT

Rob told the board that the splash pad is now up and working. They thought it was the pump, but after changing the pump it was doing the same thing. So they reinstalled the old pump.

They changed the filter that hadn't been changed out in a while and it is running well now. Doug said it was an inline filter that you couldn't see. When they took it apart they noticed someone had glued it so it couldn't be removed to be cleaned. So they put in a new filter that can be maintained.

Rob told the board that the shelters that are being paid for by the impact fees have been ordered. They will be placed at the canoe drop and at the pool sometime this fall. Gary Bowen said he thought there were three. He remembers discussing one for Blue River where the current green tent is between diamonds three and four. Rob will check on it.

Rob reported that the parking lot at Morrison will be milled and paved this week. They will also be restriping it to get additional parking spaces. Gary Nolley asked what we have planned for the old skate park. He remembered some discussion about moving the fencing to the Mac. Rob said there are no plans at the moment. He said it was once discussed to be used for pickleball courts, but they found it more cost effective to use the old tennis court area.

Rob will be sending something this week on the 2023 Budget.

Rob told the board that we are about \$8,000 ahead of last year in income. However, the tournament invoices didn't get paid till last December. With that and not opening the pool the first week, we are probably more like \$12,000 shy of last year's income. As of right now we are at \$374,000 compared to last year at \$365,000.

Terie asked about the Facebook post asking for donations. Trisha said we have always done that, but now we have added the ability for people to donate on line through the website.

Rob asked Amy what percentage of people are registering online currently. Amy said that as of June we are at 50%.

Gary Bowen asked about the software for leagues. Chris said they will continue to use League Lobster but bump it up to the Pro version which will allow him to utilize more features. Rob said it will cost approximately \$200 a month. This will cover youth and adult leagues. Chris said they will start using it next year.

Tammy Knox said she may not be able to make the next two meetings due to work commitments. Gary Nolley suggested that she could possibly attend via Google Meets. Rob will check to see what the rules are for attending virtually and let her know.

Adjournment at 4:52 pm
