

## SEMI-MONTHLY PARK BOARD MEETING

**DATE:** JULY 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 95

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

Gary Bowen asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 22, 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 day camp is coming up on the 8th week out of 9 next week. It has been great. Bethany has done a wonderful job. She is the assistant camp director and is phenomenal. She has a lot of experience and has been her eyes and ears this summer as Trisha has not been as involved as she wanted to be due to other requirements at the pool.

Trisha told the board that things at the pool have gone great for the patrons and pool staff. Attendance has been good. There have been a few issues but they are working through those. The end of the season is coming up. There are two full weeks left and then there will be two weekends after that. August 14th will be the last day with Doggy Days at the Pool from 4-6pm. This event is a fundraiser for the animal shelter and they will be there as always. Gary Nolley asked if we have received a water bill yet to compare to last year. Rob said they have not but he

will be receiving one for July and will compare. Chemical usage is way down. Rob said even with the increase for staff at the pool they will be under due to chemical usage being down.

Trisha told the board that the Dive in Movie was canceled last Friday due to weather. She is looking into rescheduling, but the pool schedule is very busy.

The Shelby Shifters car show will begin at 8am Sunday at Kennedy Park.

Music in the Park is this Saturday. The band is Midnight Rider, an Allman Brothers tribute band. It will start at 7pm. Tiffany has been working getting everything ready.

Preschool registration is currently going on.

### **SPORTS REPORT**

Chris told the board that Hook a Kid on golf went really well. He thanked Jason Bass and the Shelbyville Varsity and middle school golf players for helping. There were 17 participants.

All four infields at Blue River have been redone by J&D Turf. This went well, they are really nice and he has gotten a lot of positive feedback. The best news is we had \$49,000 budgeted, but it came in at \$36,000.

The forty and over adult softball league finished Monday.

The SPA Hoosier Classic got canceled due to weather. The USSSA girls tournament did go at Sunrise. Chris stated the recent work on the diamonds at Blue River contributed to the cancellation at Blue River.

Adult coed softball will finish their season this Friday and the tournament will be July 22nd. The Thursday night league is running behind due to weather. We have had to cancel once due to heat, once for rain and once for diamond work. They will finish up August 11th.

Shelby County Girls Softball is going well. There have been a few issues but have gotten them resolved.

## **MAINTENANCE**

Doug told the board that with the tournaments canceled this week and weekend they will be going around to the bathrooms and repaint and organize and make the shelters look a little better than normal.

He is having Custer Electric out of Rushville come in and give quotes on fixing the parking lot lighting at Blue River.

Doug said there was some vandalism at Morrison Park. One of the signs was broken. Some green netting was also flushed down the toilet and they had to call in a plumber. It was 75 feet in, but they were able to remove it and the toilet is working now. Doug said they are not sure where the netting came from.

They are also looking into fixing the scoreboards at Sunrise. They will get some quotes to see if they are fixable.

Gary Nolley asked if there is a plan for the exercise equipment along the trail such as mulch or concrete around the bases. Chris said we didn't have to do anything, we could leave it grass. Mulch would probably wash away and concrete would be an expense for the Parks. Gary asked that they keep an eye on it.

Rob told the board that they had some complaints from people playing pickleball about the lip that is on the end of the tennis court. He is looking into filling in with some river rock to prevent anyone from getting their foot caught. They are also looking into another bench or two for the courts. Gary Nolley said to check with the street dept. They have one that has been there awhile. Doug will check into it.

Rob told the board that a pool pump went bad. It was a couple hundred dollars to repair. Kevin Kredit, from Wastewater, helped with putting that in. Trisha said we are waiting on one more bolt for that to be complete. The new control system is on order. He has not heard when they will be coming to put that in. They are trying to schedule it for the weekdays the first of August when the pool is closed so they can test on the weekend.

Doug put a QR code on the splash pad and has not gotten any responses. It will be an email to Doug instead of Maintenance Care until we see what kind of responses we get.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Jenny Meltzer, city attorney, addressed the board regarding the amended ordinance of 192856 which is amending the establishment of ethical impact fees for purposes of planning and financing park recreational infrastructure otherwise known as the Park Impact Fee. They reached out to Chuck Leihman and his group to do the required plan and assessment which she has. This assessment is required by law every single time you want to create one of these fees or amend one. One was created in 2019 that went into effect six months after it was created. It was passed by city council March 18, 2019 and went into effect in September of 2019. There has been a significant amount of home development in the last four years. Therefore, she told the board, we have been able to meet the needs identified in 2019. Those needs were softball fields, park shelters, acreage and trails. The ones that have not been met currently are programmed in those dollars are earmarked to spend on one of those things, specifically shelters and trails that should be going into the parks in the next six to eight months. All of the money in that fund is earmarked so it is now time to look at our current inventory and where we are at and whether or not our level of services are accurate or if they need to be amended. Through that process we talked about pickleball courts, basketball courts, park restrooms, community playgrounds, neighborhood playgrounds, trails and park open space. Through this we do have a need for pickleball courts, the park impact fee is not the appropriate source of income for those because we have a deficiency. Every deficiency you have has to be paid out of current funds. We are not able to use park impact fees to offset a current deficiency, only a future deficiency. Basketball courts and park restrooms will have a future deficiency, mainly because they anticipate needing more restrooms along the trails. Playgrounds were identified as potentially having deficiency as well. The trails still have a deficiency and the park open space will have a deficiency because it not only includes all acreage that is green space but also includes every acre that is under a playground, restroom and trail. If you are going to add to trails you are going to need to add acreage.

The ordinance you have in front of you adopts this plan as exhibit A. Page 18 shows what the deficiencies are and page 21 shows a total deficiency in the amount of \$2,362. You then have to subtract out the current deficiencies and your future needs total gets you to that \$3,000. That is not the impact fee though because we have to take out anything we may bond and subtract that out as well as any anticipated donations and subtract those out which brings you to a \$1,346 park impact fee which is the recommended amount for the impact fee per unit to go into place six months from adoption. It will go to the park board first, then city council on Monday and then plan commission for a public hearing and then back to city council in August.

It will then have to wait 180 days to take effect. All park impact fees that are collected between now and then will go towards those original four that we identified in 2019 so they will continue to pay for trails, shelters, softball diamonds and acreage. As we add people, we will need more of these. There are plenty of trails for a significant amount of that money over the next 12 months.

So this is basically the exact same ordinance that the board saw and recommended approval for in 2019 with the changes of where we want these monies to go in the next five years. If we have the same significant amount of home development in the next five years, we can come back to the board sooner to redo this analysis and decide whether or not these are the appropriate places for this money to go. But right now, this is where your advisory committee thought were the best places for the park impact fee money to be spent. You will not be able to pay for pickleball courts until you have met your current deficiency.

Terie made a motion for a favorable recommendation to approving the ordinance for the park impact fee, Gary Nolley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**DIRECTOR REPORT**

Adjournment at 4:50 pm

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