

## SEMI-MONTHLY PARK BOARD MEETING

**DATE:** JULY 27, 2022

**TIME:** 4:15 PM

**LOCATION:** BOARD ROOM, PARKS DEPT

**PARK BOARD PRESENT:** GARY BOWEN, GARY NOLLEY, TERIE ANDERSON

**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  
WENDY WISE - ADMIN ASST

Gary Bowen asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2022 meeting and to accept claims as presented. Gary N. motioned to approve the minutes and claims, Terie seconded. Motion carried.

### **RECREATION REPORT**

Rob reported that Trisha was unable to attend due to handling some things at the pool. Camp finishes up this week. It has been a good year.

Rob told the board that we have had about \$67,000 in receipts this year at the pool, last year was about \$75,000.

Music in the Park was well attended on the 16th with about 400 people. The June show was about 200 due to some weather.

Wine and Canvas will be coming up in September. Fee is \$35 and you can sign up on the Parks website.

## **SPORTS REPORT**

Rob told the board that the SPA tournament was a couple weeks ago, although it ended up being canceled after the first two games due to rain.

Shelby County Girls softball will conclude this week. Rob and Chris are looking into better ways to communicate with parents and not just coaches. They may also look at using a different software for scheduling that will update parents immediately. Rob told the board that we currently use League Lobster that has a Pro version and they are also looking into Player Space which Rob used while at the YMCA.

Gary Nolley asked when the Halloween Festival would be. Rob said it is scheduled for October 7th. We have a big softball tournament the weekend of Halloween and the other two weekends being fall break make it tough for volunteers. Trunk or Treat is moving downtown.

## **MAINTENANCE**

Doug told the board that he has spent a lot of time at the Splash Pad the last couple of weeks and has learned a lot. Spear came in and added a flow meter. The flow should be 63 gallons per minute and it was only operating at 48 gallons per minute. They brought Spear back in to change a pump and they brought the wrong pump. The old one is hooked back up and is currently running. The pump is older and not pumping like it should.

While doing some painting on the shelter restrooms at Sunrise, the staff opened the concession restrooms for the public to use. Last night vandals destroyed the men's restroom at the concession. Doug is getting quotes on stainless steel toilet replacements as well as the porcelain.

Doug had a new part-time employee start last Friday. His name is Brian Doremus. He will be working weekends; four hours on Fri, eight on Saturday and eight Sunday. We normally have two part-time employees during the summer.

Doug told the board that MIBOR and Nucor had volunteers come in and they pulled weeds at Blue River. Doug said they did a great job.

Terie asked about the swamp area by the musical instruments at the Blue River playground. Doug said the irrigation people came out the next day and looked at it, but haven't gotten back to him. Doug will follow up to see what is going on. They shut the system off to see if it would dry out, but it has not.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**DIRECTOR REPORT**

Rob told the board that he has quotes for upgraded cameras due to vandalism. He said he would also like to look into automated locks so they can time them. When the staff start shutting the restrooms down at dusk it has been dark for 30 minutes to an hour by the time they get to all of them. The locks can be controlled just by time or by an app. This would not be able to be done currently at Sunrise due to no wifi.

Rob told the board there are now four benches at the Kennedy tennis courts for pickleball. He was able to find three within the city that weren't being used. One came from the city garage, one from the civic center and one from the maintenance shop. He said they are also putting some river rock around the edges after receiving a complaint.

Rob told the board that the current water bill from the pool showed a dramatic decrease. Last year our bill for July was about \$11,000 and this bill for June and half of July was just under \$6,000. Last year we were spending about \$400 a day for water and now we are spending about \$80 a day. This is due to the leak that was fixed. Chemical usage is also down.

Rob told the board that we are going to have to have some block work done at the civic center. There was water dripping down from the block. The cost is going to be about \$1,100. Doug is trying to get that done before preschool starts.

Rob updated the board on the slide repair at Sunrise. We are still waiting on the piece to repair it. As soon as that comes in we will get that slide fixed.

Gary Nolley asked about a spring toy at Blue River that was loose. Doug said there was a green one that they took down to repair. Another one that is yellow has been fixed.

Adjournment at 4:39 pm

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