

## SEMI-MONTHLY PARK BOARD MEETING

**DATE:** JUNE 8, 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  
MARK DORSEY - BLUE RIVER SOCCER  
ED QUIGLEY - BLUE RIVER SOCCER  
PAIGE WISE - BLUE RIVER SOCCER  
TRACY MILLS - HIGHLAND GAMES  
DAVID MILLS - HIGHLAND GAMES  
DAWN HIGGINS - HIGHLAND GAMES

**PARK STAFF PRESENT:** ROB VAN TIL - DIRECTOR  
TRISHA TACKETT - ASST DIR/REC DIR  
DOUG CONNER - MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR  
AMY WISKER - ADMIN ASST

Gary Bowen asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 25, 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 first Music in the Park will be this weekend with Run, Forrest, Run. Cholulas will bring their food truck and Snowy Ice will also be there. This will be Tiffany Kredit's first one. Rob mentioned that we are also auctioning off front row seats with a free meal on our Facebook page. Thanks to Rent A Center for allowing us to borrow the couch.

Camp is going well. Bethany Mellen, Camp Director, is doing a great job getting everything organized.

The pool is up and running. Swim lessons started yesterday and water aerobics started Monday. Pool rentals, birthday parties and sensory night will begin next week. Mother's Day will be rescheduled as it was previously scheduled for May 29th, but we were not open. The new date will be on social media. Father's Day is coming up June 19th and all Dad's will get in free with a child's admission.

The Dive In Movie will be July 8th at the pool. Admission will be free and limited to a set number of people.

Free lunch program started at Kennedy and Morrison five days a week. Anyone 18 years and younger can get a free lunch which is provided by a grant through Shelbyville Central Schools.

The public library has begun their Reading Adventures in the Park. They have a foam party coming up soon that should be exciting.

Preschool registrations are also being taken for the upcoming school year.

### **SPORTS REPORT**

#### **MAINTENANCE**

Doug reported to the board that we have a softball tournament coming up this weekend using Blue River, the MAC and Sunrise. Staff spent the majority of the day getting the MAC and Sunrise diamonds ready. They hauled in some dirt.

Parking at the MAC was discussed.

Sunrise had some vandalism. Someone broke the end of the slide, so they will be replacing that. There was also vandalism to the recently installed disc golf course at Sunset.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Representatives of the Blue River Soccer Association addressed the board with regards to the upcoming lease deadline in 2025. Mark Dorsey asked the board what their long term plans are for soccer and plans for a new sports complex. Gary Bowen told them there are no plans to remove any of the soccer fields. Mark also asked the board if they could put up a sign and also plant some trees between the soccer fields and the dog park. They have had several issues with

dogs not on leashes. Mark told the board that three people with two dogs put the dogs over the fence and then jumped the fence into the dog park. Mark said they had high school players come and paint the kick board and within months, it was vandalized. Rob has been getting quotes for more cameras. Rob told the soccer representatives the parks are experiencing widespread vandalism as well. Gary Nolley asked if we have thought about locking the gates. The sign they would like would include sponsors and rules for the soccer fields. Rob asked them to get him what they want on it and design for final approval. Mark asked about the field to the south. There is a thistle problem that has taken over one of the fields. Rob and Gary N. recently looked at this area. They are waiting to hear back from Fish and Wildlife to find out how to get it under control. Mark would also like to go over the boundaries of the soccer property.

Tracy Mills and her husband David have been running the Indianapolis Highland Games for many years as well as in Evansville. Tracy showed the board a video from a recent event. They would like to host an event at Blue River Memorial Park. There have been no games for three years due to covid. They gave a brief description of what the events are. It was discussed possibly pairing this event with a Music in the Park or creating a larger festival. Dawn Higgins, who is from Shelbyville, participates and helps run these events and suggested Blue River as an ideal location. Tracy also gave the board a packet including possible vendors, bands, and a budget. The board agreed to pursue this for next year.

**DIRECTOR REPORT**

Rob will have an update on the budget for 2023 at the next meeting. He will turn it in by the end of the week.

Rob said the pool is up and running. Some recommendations were made to help regulate the flow of the water. A machine that will cost around \$4,000 will help with this and also save money on water and electricity. It will also help with pressure that the pipes handle. They are looking at getting this unit installed this summer. A new flow switch was installed yesterday. Everything has been going well.

Adjournment at 5:25 pm

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