

SEMI-MONTHLY PARK BOARD MEETING

DATE: MAY 25, 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
TRISHA TACKETT - ASST DIR/REC DIR
AMY WISKER - ADMIN ASST

Gary Bowen asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 11, 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 there are currently 114 children registered for our summer day camp programs. Shout out to Trisha, Amy, Wendy, Tiffany, and Bethany. Amy and Wendy came in and helped take registrations during Meet the Counselor Night. Rob told the board that Trisha does a great job getting people to come out and giving them the right information so they know what is going on. Gary Bowen asked how many we were taking per week in camp. Amy replied that 125 was the cap currently.

Rob told the board that there are 56 registered currently for swim lessons.

SPORTS REPORT

Rob reported that pickleball leagues have had some challenges getting started at Kennedy on Wednesday nights due to the rain. Monday is going well.

Rob told the board they are close to getting the group together to get access to impact fees. These fees could potentially be used for more pickleball courts as well as other things.

MAINTENANCE

Rob introduced the Parks new maintenance supervisor, Doug Conner. He starts June 1st.

Rob told the board that the paving at Clearwick is complete. The pool parking lot has also been done. Gary Nolley asked about the split rail fence at Clearwick. Rob said they do plan to remove it.

OLD BUSINESS

Noah Henderson passed out copies of the budget for the Morrison revitalization. Volunteer day is planned for May 28th. The World War II monument has been cleaned and restored. He is still waiting on the concrete to be poured to fully install the games. They will go ahead and put the gaga ball pit on the existing concrete pad. When AK Construction is ready to install it it will be moved. Noah confirmed that the income and invoices match with what Wendy has.

Noah emailed a copy of the information stations to the board and asked for their input. It was discussed about putting QR codes on there. The board thought they were very nice. Someone will be painting a mural on the back of the maintenance shop like the one that had been on the bandshell. Rob updated the board and Noah on the painting of that building. He hopes it is done in time to get the mural painted as well. Tammy asked if there was a time for the ceremony on June 18th. Noah said that Sarah Newkirk is in charge of that. He said he would find out. Terie said she has 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Rob confirmed. There will be a ribbon cutting, activities and food trucks. Gary Nolley asked if any of Lora Morrison's ancestors were still around. Noah said Sarah was working on reaching out to them.

NEW BUSINESS

DIRECTOR REPORT

Rob told the board that the work being done since the leak last year is still being done. Recent rain and the high water table have created barriers in getting the work done. Therefore, the pool will not be able to open as scheduled on May 28th. He is looking at hopefully opening a couple days later on the 30th or 31st. They need one clear day and two days after that to fill the pool, make sure everything is running smoothly and make sure the chemicals are good. He asked that the media tell the community to look at our social media for updates. Trisha is not here now, because she is at the pool for an inservice with staff and to inform them. Terie asked about the splash pad. Rob said it will open this Saturday, May 28th as planned. Rob said that Trisha has had everything ready to go with the staff and concessions. The biggest problem now

is rescheduling everyone that needed to shadow on the first two days, but Trisha is doing an awesome job with that. Everything is good to go on her end.

Rob told the board that he has been approached by a group wanting to host a Highland Games competition at Blue River. They will be at the next board meeting to do a presentation. There has been discussion about tying it in with a Music in the Park and having a celtic themed group play that night. We would take care of paying, and would recoup money with food trucks, parking and other options. Rob will send out a budget to the board before next week's meeting so they can take a look at it. Expenses are about \$6,000 to put this on. We would get all the revenue from the entree fees for contestants which could be around \$2,100. Rob said one of the things to keep in mind is the potential damage to the grounds. Rob will reach out to tourism as well about any grants they can get. People travel from all over the country to participate in these.

Adjournment at 4:48 pm
