

SEMI-MONTHLY PARK BOARD MEETING

DATE: AUGUST 24, 2022

TIME: 4:15 PM

LOCATION: BOARD ROOM, PARKS DEPT

PARK BOARD PRESENT: GARY BOWEN, GARY NOLLEY, TERIE ANDERSON,
TAMMY KNOX (virtual)

OTHERS PRESENT: HANNAH GUNNELL - SHELBYVILLE NEWS (virtual)
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
AMY WISKER - ADMIN ASST

Gary Bowen asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 10, 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 preschool started Monday and is off to a great start. The 3's & 4's class is full at 14 and the Pre-K class has 9 registered with a few openings left.

She is currently working on the Fall/Winter/Spring guide that will be distributed in the Savor Gator the week of September 13th.

Teddy Bear Tumblers starts in September. She has discussed the cleaning routine for the mats with the maintenance staff.

Tiffany is working on the Halloween Festival. She met Doug at Morrison to look through the props. The event will be held October 7th at Blue River Memorial Park.

Tiffany has organized a Halloween costume exchange program to try this year. Gently used or new costumes can be dropped off at the Civic Center until September 30th. Then on October 3rd the public is invited to come pick out a free costume with their children from 6pm to 8pm.

Trisha told the board that we are partnering with Arts in the Park to enhance the event. The Parks Dept is renting booth space for handmade crafts and has hired Keith Kocher to run sound.

The next Music in the Park is September 23 and will be Classic Rock Experience, a 70's & 80's Arena Rock band.

Trisha reported that Doggie Days was August 14th and went very well. There were 151 people and 71 dogs in attendance. The event raised \$617 dollars for the Animal Shelter.

Trisha thanked the maintenance staff for their help getting the civic center cleaned up and ready for preschool.

SPORTS REPORT

Chris reported that the Thursday night mens softball league tournament went well and the fall league started the following week. Coed also went well and are now about 3 weeks into their fall season.

Chris told the board that the pickleball players are very appreciative of the benches and gravel at the Kennedy courts.

Registration for volleyball is going on now. The A&B leagues will start on September 6th and coed will start on September 11th.

Chris told the board that he has added two one day tournaments to the schedule. One on August 28th at Blue River and another one September 10th at Kennedy.

MAINTENANCE

Doug reported that the maintenance staff has completed the pool winterization. They also got the bucket truck and have been replacing lights at the civic center and Morrison park. He has some lights he needs to order. Gary Nolley asked about the street lights that need to be fixed at Blue River. There are approximately 30 poles out. Doug will get Custer Electric to come look at them.

Maintenance will be bush hogging the wildflowers at Blue River Memorial. They are also working to repair props for the Halloween Festival.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

DIRECTOR REPORT

Rob told the board that the cost for the two shelters being built using the impact fees is \$108,000 which has already been approved. One will be placed at the pool to replace the current tent and the other will be built at the canoe drop. They will be the same size.

Rob thanked the staff for all their hard work this summer. The transition from summer programs to the fall has gone well.

Rob told the board we have added a full time employee, Brooke Hill. She will be cleaning the civic center from 7 am to 11 am Monday through Friday and the afternoons at the police station. She may be utilized next summer to help clean shelters on this side of town.

Rob told the board that he had a couple of groups look at the work that was done at the pool this past spring. They all agreed that it has held up, but we should know more next spring after the winter freeze and spring thaw.

Rob reported that he has resigned his position as director and his last day will be Friday, August 26th. He thanked the board for their support during his time here.

Adjournment at 4:32 pm
