

SEMI-MONTHLY PARK BOARD MEETING

DATE: March 8, 2023
TIME: 4:15 PM

LOCATION: BOARD ROOM, PARKS DEPT

PARK BOARD PRESENT: GARY NOLLEY, GARY BOWEN, TAMMY KNOX

OTHERS PRESENT: HANNAH GUNNELL - SHELBYVILLE NEWS
BETSY MEANS-DAVIS - CITY COUNCIL LIAISON
WILLIAM HAESSIG - SHS AP GOV'T STUDENT
AIDAN KRESS - SHS AP GOV'T STUDENT
TREY McCULLUM - SHS AP GOV'T STUDENT

PARK STAFF PRESENT: TRISHA TACKETT - DIRECTOR
TIFFANY KREDIT - RECREATION DIRECTOR
DOUG CONNER - MAINT. SUPERVISOR
CHRIS STEPHENS - SPORTS DIRECTOR
CIERRA JENKS - SPECIAL EVENTS COORDINATOR
AMY WISKER - ADMIN ASST

Gary Bowen asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 22 , 2023 meeting and to accept claims as presented. Gary N. motioned to approve the minutes and claims, Tammy seconded. Motion carried.

RECREATION REPORT

Tiffany told the board that Daddy/Daughter went well. The theme was luau and the props will be able to be used at the pool this summer as well.

Tiffany told the board that Saturday, April 1st will be the Easter Egg Hunt at Kennedy park. She has heard back from SHS National Society and they have 10 volunteers coming. The SHS life skills class will be doing the goodie bags again this year.

Tiffany reported that registration for Brownies and Bunnies is open. It will be April 2nd. There are currently 8 total signed up for the two classes. Each class can take up to 25. Ages are 3 to 6 and 7 to 12. Jill Cohen will again be the instructor.

Tiffany has done interviews for pool staff. Earlier this week they had 7 for concession and over the next two weeks they will interview for admissions, lifeguards and camp counselors.

Tiffany reported that summer camp registration is also open. There are currently 15 registered for Adventure Camp and Camp Parks there are 5. She and Bethany are working closely on the programming and Bethany will be interviewing for some new counselor positions.

Tiffany told the board they are still looking for golf sponsors. The lunch is covered by Compass Insurance. They have some sponsors for six of the holes and are still looking for someone to cover the beverage cart and the other 12 holes. Registration is online for teams wanting to play.

SPORTS REPORT

Chris told the board that the basketball league finishes up tonight. Sunday coed volleyball has 3 weeks left and will finish on March 26th. Tuesday night volleyball will finish up on March 16. The pickleball league at Kennedy park is scheduled to start the week of May 15th and registration is now open.

Chris told the board that the Shelby County Girls Softball league registration is also open. He spoke with Morristown and they plan to bring an 8U, 10U & 14U team. Gary Nolley asked how the board is going. Chris said it is going alright. He did some looking and the numbers have actually increased every year for the last couple of years. He has someone from Shelbyville, Waldron and Morristown to be on the board. He has not heard back from any parents. He is trying to get someone from each of the county schools on the board.

Chris told the board that they had Midwestern Electric to look at the lighting at Blue River. They found several issues and are coming up with a plan and the cost to get it fixed. Gary Nolley mentioned checking with Duke about leasing the lights. He also had them look at the ball diamond lights at Sunrise. They found some poles that were bad. Chris gave pictures of them to Trisha.

Chris told the board they have hired 9 people for softball concessions. Shawna Kitchen will be managing again this year.

Chris told the board that TruGreen will be here March 23 and 24th weather permitting. Gary Nolley said they also hired them to do the cross country course.

MAINTENANCE

Doug told the board that they have been working on the pvc fencing that was bought. They have about 12 panels done, but have 70 to go. The weekend and dayshift guys are all working on them.

Doug told the board that they worked on the diamonds at Blue River changing home plates and pitching rubbers.

Doug told the board they interviewed a part-time employee for park maintenance that they are going to offer the position. It will be 20 hours a week. They are also looking for one more.

Doug told the board there are some trees at Sunset that are dead that they will be taking down.

DIRECTOR REPORT

Trisha introduced the new special events coordinator, Cierra Jenks, to the board. She started Monday. Cierra said she was very excited for the opportunity. She came to the Mother/Son and Daddy/Daughter events on her own time to see what they were like because next year they will be hers to plan.

Trisha thanked all the parks staff and volunteers for making the Mother/Son and Daddy/Daughter events a success.

Trisha told the board that we are preparing the parks for the upcoming season. Doug and Gary are working on a list of things needed done at each park prior to opening. This will include ball diamonds, the pool and landscaping. Gary Nolley asked about seeding the mound of dirt at Blue River. He spoke to Soil and Water and we can borrow their slit seeder for free. He and Doug discussed coordinating what they both need.

Trisha wanted to report that we are aware of the erosion by the bridge at Blue River. DNR has come out and told them what steps they need to take.

Trisha told the board that we need to remind people that there are to be no motorized vehicles on the trails. We are now getting electric bikes and scooters. She asked people to be respectful of other users. Gary Nolley asked if the rules need to be updated to no gasoline powered vehicles. Trisha said that is something we may need to discuss. We don't want to deter electric wheelchairs and things of that nature. Gary N. asked Trisha to see what other parks are doing.

Trisha told the board that the shade structure sails for the splash pad have been delivered. These will replace a couple that were torn. Trisha told the board we are at a yellow light for the new shelters to be put at Blue River softball and the pool.

Trisha told the board that a percussion group that was performing at a competition at Franklin Central rented two rooms at the civic center to practice. The group is from Cincinnati and had reached out to us about using it. Tiffany put out on social media about them being here and that they would do a public performance Saturday. About 40-50 people came to see it. The group scored 2nd in their preliminary and got runner up of the overall event. The group of 60 performers was made up of high school and college age students. The maintenance staff said they were great and cleaned up really well after themselves. They reached out to Tiffany today about booking again for next year. They are also talking about hosting a clinic. She gave them a special event application. It was a good experience for all.

Trisha told the board that we are partnering with Caring for the Community Craft and Vendor Expo. All proceeds will go to Drug Free Coalition, Longest Day, Turning Point and Beacon Baptist food pantry. They will have this in the gymnasium at the civic center on April 22nd from 10am to 1pm.

Trisha reported that the park restrooms are tentatively set to open the first week of April, weather permitting.

Trisha told the board that the landscaper will be starting the first week of April. She hired Larry Bragg to do this. His wife Deb who is a member of the master gardeners will volunteer to help him.

Trisha told the board that the summer guide is complete and went to print today. It will go out in the Savor Gator the later part of next week. We will also have copies to pass out.

Trisha and Tiffany are meeting with the Blue River Community Foundation to go over some opportunities they may be able to help with.

Gary Bowen asked Tiffany if she had an update on the Highland Games. She said yes. She has gone out to get prizes and registration is ready online for the green light. They have changed to an athletic director from Ft. Wayne. He has 20 years experience running these games. He told her if we wanted she could increase the number of athletes from 60 to 75. Spectator cost will be \$5/person with 5 and under free. This will be held at the fairgrounds and will start at 9am.

They are taking 6 novice athletes for \$40 each. Music in the Park will be the night before at Blue River.

Adjournment at 4:50 pm
