

## **PARK BOARD MEETING**

**DATE:** FEBRUARY 28, 2024

**TIME:** 4:15 PM

**LOCATION:** BOARD ROOM, PARKS DEPT

**PARK BOARD PRESENT:** TERIE ANDERSON, TAMMY KNOX,  
SCARLETT TINSLEY-PRICE

**OTHERS PRESENT:** HANNAH GUNNELL - SHELBYVILLE NEWS

**PARK STAFF PRESENT:** TRISHA TACKETT - DIRECTOR  
TIFFANY KREDIT - RECREATION DIRECTOR  
NESHA ANDERSON - SPECIAL EVENT COORDINATOR  
AMY WISKER - ADMIN ASST

Terie Anderson called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 14, 2024 meeting and to accept claims as presented. Scarlett motioned to approve the minutes and claims, Tammy seconded. Motion carried.

### **RECREATION REPORT**

Tiffany introduced the new special events coordinator, Nesha Anderson, to the board. She graduated from Triton and has participated in parks programs for a while.

Tiffany told the board that Mother/Son and Daddy/Daughter events both went well. Moms really got into it this year with their concert t-shirts.

Tiffany reported that the summer guide will be going out by the second week of March. It will be distributed in print and available online. Another way of distribution will be via a political sized postcard with a save the date on one half and a QR code on the other side to access the guide. It will take you to a digital book that you can flip through. .

The deadline for summer employment applications is tomorrow. There are several returning staff. Still looking for an assistant camp director and counselors. Also looking for pool admission, concession and lifeguards. She has information on lifeguard classes in the area if anyone needs to get certified before the pool opens. The minimum age for pool staff is 15.

Tiffany told the board that Brownies and Bunnies painting class will be on March 24th with Robin Winzenread instructing. There are two sessions. The first session from 1:00 to 3:00pm is

for ages 5-7 and the second session from 4:00 to 6:00pm for ages 8-12. There are still some spots available.

ConneXus will again be using the facility for practice this weekend. They are a non profit group out of Cincinnati that includes musicians ages 12 to 22. They will do a public performance at 11:15 am Sunday before leaving for their competition at the Indianapolis Percussion Regional. Last year they placed second in their division.

Tiffany told the board that the Highland games will return this year on May 18th at the fairgrounds. She told the board that they have also been approached about doing a Masters World Championships which would bring in about 140 athletes from all over the world. This would be a three day event held in 2025 sometime between July and September. We are in the running for this event with Las Vegas. They are looking here due to our close proximity to international airports. She will bring contracts to the board for approvals once we get there. We will still do a local event in 2025 as well. She has reached out to the fairgrounds and got their approval for use.

### **SPORTS REPORT**

Trisha told the board that Chris was not able to attend the meeting due to a doctor's appointment. She told the board that the basketball league is going well and will be finishing soon. Mike Jackson has been officiating and doing a good job keeping everything under control. The volleyball leagues are also going well.

SCG softball registration is open. Trisha would like to do a survey of league participants to get their input on what they like and any changes they would like to see. Chris will get with Amy and work on the survey. She encourages everyone to complete one. She and Chris have a meeting next week with the board he has formed to ensure our vision is their vision. This will be only the second meeting of this board.

Trisha told the board that the adult softball league registrations are going on now. She would like to see the 40 and over league return as it didn't go last year. Registration for the softball leagues is on our website. Scarlett asked what happened to the 40 and over league. Trisha said we just didn't get the numbers. She asked Amy to comment. Amy explained that it used to be run by Harold Cooper. He would take those registered and rank their skill level, then make up the teams. Since his passing, others have tried to carry this on, but there have been players not wanting to be mixed up, but instead play together and they also allowed full teams to come in. In addition, most that were playing are now over 60 years old. Scarlett suggested that they have gone to play pickleball. Amy said yes, they do have some 40 and over players that are now playing pickleball.

Trisha told the board she has updated Chris on the vision and expectations of the new administration as well since he was off since the beginning of November. She told him that we need new ideas as well. Tammy suggested futsal, horseshoes and archery. Scarlett suggested corn hole, Terie suggested a ninja course stating that there is one in Edinburgh. Hannah added that there were several ninja courses built trying to encourage boys into joining gymnastics. Trisha said that once something falls off, we need to create something new to take its place.

### **MAINTENANCE**

Trisha told the board that the maintenance staff are working this week on mulching flower beds and playgrounds in the parks. They also did some props for Mother/Son and Daddy/Daughter and helped with that event. They have put up a few pickleball nets on the new courts at Blue River. Several people have been playing on them. She had Doug come up with a to-do list of what each park will need to open.

### **DIRECTOR REPORT**

Trisha told the board that she has the agreement for HWC to do the Parks five year master plan and they are asking for it to be signed by the end of the week. She asked the board if they wanted to review it now or have her email it to them. Scarlett would like an email of the document. Scarlett motioned to approve doing the master plan pending review of this document. Tammy seconded. Motion passed.

Trisha updated the board on the new amphitheater. This was started with the prior administration, then put on hold. The new Mayor wants to move forward with it. Deb Schmucker, with Cornerstone, will do the designing. She is very familiar with our parks having designed much of Blue River park and also worked on our 5 year master plans. She is working on a scope of the project for the board to review. She plans to come to the park board meeting at the end of March. Terie asked if it would be in the master plan, Trisha is not sure. Trisha said this will ramp up our music in the parks as well as be an asset for other organizations in our community. She will share the scope with the board once she receives it.

Trisha told the board she will be having the splash pad toys updated. She had Doug order 3 new pieces to replace the guns that haven't worked in a while. They are expected to take 6 weeks to come in. She wanted to replace them with something that could go right where the others were without any additional work. She will also have staff paint all the splash pad equipment before the season to freshen it up. Tammy said if she could figure a way to get a horse splash toy, she could get it paid for from her budget at the horse track. Trisha said she had seen one, but it needed 3 points of installation instead of the one she wanted. Trisha told her she will keep that in mind for the future.

Trisha reported to the board that the Ball State University immersive learning students held a meeting at Girls, Inc to discuss Morrison park with the community. She said the people that came really had a passion for the park and shared some good information. This is free to us and should be very beneficial. The students are sophomores at BSU studying landscape architecture.

Trisha reported that the basketball courts at Morrison park will be open daily beginning the first week of March.

Trisha said she will have staff install the rest of the pickleball nets at Blue River next week. The shade structure contractor plans to have inspectors out tomorrow and pour concrete on Friday. Trisha said once we know when he will be done, we will get tables, benches and trash cans out and schedule the ribbon cutting.

Trisha told the board that weather permitting, we will put the bike share bikes out the second or third week of March. Prior to that we will make sure they are inspected and the batteries are charged.

Trisha told the board that she is purchasing a couple new water fountains. All parks could use them, but they are expensive. One of the new ones will go at Morrison park and the other will go to Sunset park. The one at Morrison will go in the same place as the current one. The one at Sunset will be mounted on the shelter instead of standing in the middle of the park. They will have bottle fillers, a regular fountain and a dog fountain.

Tammy asked if there were any updates about the eclipse. She stated that the casino has moved all of their events to the day of the eclipse. Trisha said she does not have anything new to report. Blue River Memorial Park will be open as a public viewing site with all of the restrooms open. Tiffany is lining up food and merchandise vendors. We will have emergency responders at the park and all park staff will be on duty to assist where needed. Tourism has agreed to purchase some port-o-pots to be placed at the park as well.

Adjourned 5:00pm

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