

Monday, April 22, 2024 meeting minutes

The Connersville Parks and Recreation board met in the council chambers of City Hall on Monday, April 22, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

President Amy Hammons presided with Vice President Angie McMullen, and board members, Vane Lashua and Sasha Henderson present. Park Superintendent Marla Steele, Park Assistant Superintendent Grace Williams, and Park Secretary Kelly Moffett were also present.

President Amy Hammons led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Kelly Moffett completed the roll call.

Park Superintendent Marla Steele begins her monthly report with an update that we will be accepting seasonal grounds crew applications open for a little longer. The staff that we have already hired will start May 28. Our Junk in the Trunk event will take place Friday, April 26th from 8am to 8pm. \$25 for an indoor 10x10 space or \$20 for a 10x10 outdoor space. We are starting to fill up but currently still have spaces available. Summer Discovery registration is currently open, we have packets in the Miller Building Office to fill out to register. Swim Lessons registration is open now as well. We will be having a session in June and a session in July, registration can be done online or stop in the Miller Building Office. Season pool passes can be purchased in the office only.

Roots Blower would like to partner with the park at Industrial Park. They are currently designing a lending library that is in the shape of the Impeller component of the Rotary Lobe Blower. Kids or adults will be welcome to take a book and leave a book. They are hoping to have the project completed in June.

The Longwood Bridge is almost complete. The fence came down last week. Marla will be getting quotes on painting the bridge. There will be grass seed and straw put down this week. We have plans to have a grand opening once the bridge is completed.

The playground clamps we ordered that were necessary to fix the playground equipment have come in and our maintenance team have been working on replacing them. We hope it have it open soon. We have purchased mulch for all the playgrounds. We have been working on Second Street Park as well. We will be putting a port in place and will be planting grass seed and mulching there soon.

We have applied for an Eli Lilly Grant through the Foundation. We received part 1 which went to writing our comprehensive five year plan. We currently have our survey going on, at last count we had around 500 people complete the survey so far. We will be applying for more funding to hopefully add to the playground at Roberts Park. We would also like to add to the trails at Roberts Park and Nickel Plate Trail.

We had a donation of money from someone in the community who lost a family member to be put towards new landscaping plants and a new fountain at the Miller Building. We have been working on the landscaping and getting the new fountain set this week and last week.

Marla will be attending a leadership conference on the 24th and 25th of April.

May 25th is the opening day for the pool. President Amy Hammons asked about the vandalism on the Nickel Plate Trail. Marla stated that if we receive funding from the Eli Lilly grant we might purchase cameras for surveillance. The lending library has been repeatedly vandalized. We are encouraging everyone to report anything they witness to the police.

May 1st is Spartan Clean-Up Day. Last year groups came in and helped clean the pool and helped get the Little League field ready for opening day. They also helped at Nickel Plate Trail. We have asked them to help again at the pool and the ball field. We may also have a group at Second Street Park depending on the status of it. They are anticipating having 30-40 kids help.

The Assistant Superintendent report was given by Grace. The Solar Eclipse event on April 8th was a success. We had several guests from all over the country between our two locations at the Soccer Complex and Roberts Park.

We were awarded a grant of \$2500 through the Fayette County Foundation. We will be using the grant money for some outdoor games for the pool. We have purchased some cement corn hole games and will be looking for more activities to have at the pool. Our lifeguard training is currently in process. We have 17 who have already passed the test and just need to complete the rest of their hours. We are hoping to have 19 lifeguards hired. We currently work with Beth from the Red Cross, but have also added Sabrina from the Decatur County YMCA to train our lifeguards. We have 15 concession workers hired. We plan for everyone to start May 18.

Living Well Aging Well numbers have started to decline since the weather has warmed up. We are thinking about taking a break during the summer months so people can enjoy the outdoors. We have continued to have new walkers in the gym. We are thinking about adding some pool activities for people over 50.

Logan's Athletic Director report was given by Marla. Soccer is going very well, we had a successful opening day. Soccer tournament will be May 4th with the season ending on May 11th. Registration is now closed for Baseball, Softball and Tball. Drafts will be finished tonight for Softball and Tball. Coaches will be reaching out to their teams soon. Opening day for Baseball will be May 11th, the same day as Celebration in the Ville.

The parade will start at 3pm beginning at First United Methodist Church, we will walk down Central to 6th street then turn on 6th to go into the ball fields.

Old Business: No old business

New Business: No new business

Miscellaneous Business: We need to change the scheduled date for May meeting since it will fall on Memorial Day. May meeting will be May 28th at 6:30 pm.

Angie McMullen made a motion to approve claims including payroll. Sasha Henderson seconded. Motion carried.

Angie McMullen entertained a motion to adjourn and Vane Lashua seconded it. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Scribed by: Kelly Moffett

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Park Board Meeting approved minutes

Date: _____

Amy Hammons, President

Angie McMullen, Vice President

Vane Lashua, Board Member

Julie Fisher, Board Member

Ann Kirschner, Board Member

Sasha Henderson Board Member