

**Park & Recreation Board**  
**August 14, 2017**  
**Minutes**

**Members Present:** George Geise, Lynn Oatman, June Sprout, Patrick Carroll, Shirley Davis, Erin Madison Granger

**Members Absent:** Lonnie Hill

**Staff Present:** Patty Rearden, Lonnie Dalke, Cindy Stein

**Others Present:** Roger Curtis, Golf Advisory Board Member

**With no additions or corrections Board motioned to approve as written. Motion seconded and approved.**

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Patty and Connie will be presenting a golf mid-year report at the commission work session this Tuesday.
  - Golf budget is not looking very good; high expense and unexpected labor cost increases.
  - Need to work on moving forward and all fees at the golf courses.
- Last Movie in the Park will be this Saturday; showing Moana.
  - Movie will be shown on the North end of Gibson Park due to the large number of attendees.
- Neighborhood pools will close on Sunday.
  - spray parks will remain open free of charge until August 27
- Water Park regular season runs through August 29<sup>th</sup>; they will reopen for Labor Day week-end.
- Last week of summer camps at the Community Recreation Center
- Last week of Park Pals in the Park program.
- Visitors Information Center, located at Overlook/Flag Hill will close end September.
  - Building will be available for lease again starting in October.
- "Burger Bunker" is moving out of the Community Recreation Center to a location downtown.
  - We have advertised for lease of the facility.
  - Burger Bunker does own quite a bit of the cooking equipment in the facility, including the range hood.
- Rivers Edge Trail foundation agreement with the City for trail maintenance will be finalized at their regular meeting tonight.
- Park & Recreation Director interviews have been canceled and position has been re-opened.

**OLD BUSINESS**

*Westbank Park Play Structure*

KaBOOM Project to build a play structure in Westbank Park will come to an end this week-end.

- Lynn and Shirley are on the food committee
- Thursday is prep day with 30 volunteers
- Saturday is build day with over 200 volunteers

- We did receive the entire match through donations
- Sheila Rice set up a go fund me page and has raised over \$9,000
- All Park Board is invited -
  - Ribbon cutting at 2:30 on Saturday
  - Kick off at 8:30
  - Staybridge will be a shelter if we have inclement weather

#### *Update on Park District*

- Had 10% standard to stay under we are now at 21.3%; the Commission will still hold the public hearing, take comments and then will deny the resolution.
  - They will make the decision on whether we take it to a public vote on the May 8th school election ballot.
  - The current commission seems to be in favor of getting it on the ballot

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### *Sale of Portion of Lion's Park*

Bob Alfred was scheduled to speak on purchasing a portion of Lion's Park but had to cancel at the last minute. Staff has met with him - got an appraisal on the strip of land along the building (Lion's Park 12'x132') @ \$9,000 - it will be brought back for a vote by the board.

### **MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### *Staff*

Lonnie Dalke, Park Supervisor

- Have had lots of park rentals this summer.
- Mowing is slowing down.
- Raising tree branches.
- Irrigation breaks and pumps going out has been a major challenge all summer long
  - Board suggested we put an announcement in the paper or online when our park irrigation is down, etc. to keep the public informed.
- Westbank project pavilion still to be put in, irrigation done and landscaping in, needs to be weeded yet. The new irrigation controller is computer controlled.
- Rhodes park play ground is up, funding came through CDBG. The old one is still there but will be removed once weather cools down.
- Gibson Park outdoor exercise equipment play structure has been received will not be put in until winter or next spring.
- Grants to add ADA sidewalks to play structures in a couple of parks.

#### *Forestry*

- Boulevard inventory is completed, cleaning up data 13,330 trees
- DED is same as last year, steadily dropping;
- 140 trees to trim from hazard list
  - After leaf pick up will start trimming on request that started in 2010 with 500-600 trees on that list.
- Doing sidewalk and parking lane clearance, just about done with avenues
- Working on Gibson flower garden (also no water due to breakage)

*Board*

- June inquired if there is any interest from the History Museum or the Lewis & Clark Foundation to lease the Visitor Center?

*Public Comment*

No public comment

With no further business meeting adjourned