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Superintendent: Carl Malone

Muncie Park & Recreation Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

City Hall Auditorium

- (1) Call to Order
- (2) Pledge of Allegiance
- (3) Roll Call
- (4) Approval of the minutes from (August 2023) Park Board Meeting.
- (5) Superintendent Report – Carl Malone
- (6) Parks Programming & Park Event Approval – Carl Malone
- (7) Prairie Creek Report – Dustin Clark
- (8) Urban Forestry Grant Overview – Dustin Clark
- (9) Friends of Prairie Creek
- (10) Old Business
 - Update on Riverview Park
- (11) New Business
 - Prairie Creek Rules & Prices 2024
 - Wood & Trash Waste Disposal
- (12) Action Items
- (13) Public Input – (3) minutes limit – Please state your name and address.

*** Next Park Board Meeting – Tuesday, October 19, 2023 (6:00 p.m.) - City Hall Auditorium**



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Superintendent Report

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Tuhey Park

The City of Muncie and Muncie Parks and Recreation Department in conjunction with the YMCA opened Tuhey Pool on Memorial Day weekend and closed on Labor Day weekend. Buddenbaum & Moore arrived on September 13th to start draining the pool. Buddenbaum will return on September 19th to start our winterization process. The parks department will start the cleaning process before Cardinal Swim Club begin the painting process.

Riverview Park Update

Construction for Riverview Park is ongoing. Timeline – TBD. The Parks Department will be cutting and trimming trees this week.

Westside Skatepark Update

Construction for Skate Park TBD. Design and installation provided by Hunger Skatepark.

Heekin Park Update

Muncie Parks will be installing a new basketball court at 9th & Grant Street. Construction TBD.

New Playground Structures

Muncie Parks Department and Game Time will be here on Tuesday, September 19th to discuss matching parks grant opportunities to purchase (4) new playground structures. The (4) new playground structures will be installed at Cowing Park, Gilbert Park, McCulloch Park, and Westside Park.

Playground Certification

Muncie Parks and Recreation will soon start its Playground Certification inventory at all city parks. We will provide updated information in our 2024 5-year City-wide Park Plan

If the Parks Board have any questions, please feel free to contact Carl Malone at the park office (765) 747-4858 or cell (765) 749-8490.

Carl Malone

Superintendent

Muncie Parks and Recreation

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September 19, 2023 6 p.m.

City Hall Auditorium

- 1. CALL TO ORDER-** Brad Marshall called meeting to order at 6:00p.m.
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – All stood for the Pledge
- 3. ROLL CALL-** Present were Brad Marshall, Shannon Powers, Mark Ervin and James Lutton. Chandra Parks was absent.
- 4. APPROVAL OF AUGUST BOARD MINUTES-** Vote was taken by all Board members present. Motion carries. Motion approved by all members present.
- 5. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Carl Malone, Superintendent**

Tuhey Pool season has ended. This year we partnered with the YMCA & opened and closed on time. We opened for Memorial Day weekend. We closed Labor Day weekend with the actual city open park and then there was the extended week that we had an organization to come in and do the last week. Which was with the dog portion of that. Shannon had something to do with organizing that activity. So, I'm assuming it went okay as well. Shannon, how did that go? Shannon, stated it was a lot of fun and we've been asked to do it again for a third year in a row next year.

Carl added he has had a lot of people ask him about it and he's let them know the event is after the last open to the public day for swimming and the kids don't go back in the pool. He wants to make that clear. Shannon added it is after the pool has been drained and there are no chlorination issues for the dogs.

Carl notified them the pool is currently in the process of draining the pool. Buddenbaum will be in to do the winterization as soon as we complete that. We had a little setback that should be rectified later today or first thing in the morning and then shortly after, we can clean the pool. The Cardinal Swim Club will be in to do the painting of the pool. We were trying to get it done last year, but time got on us and so it's on our calendar to get it painted soon.

Next is the Riverview update. As I know it, construction for Riverview is still ongoing, and the timelines are yet to be determined. Parks Department staff will begin cutting and trimming trees in and around the actual park itself.

I think at last month's Park Board meeting we had Caleb come and he gave a little overview of where we're at with the process. We don't have any updated designs. Installation will be provided by Hunger Skate Park who will be the designer who will start construction at some point in time.

Heekin Park - We'll be installing the new basketball court at 9th and Grant. Construction is to be determined. I think Ms. Shannon Powers has a grant process that's in the works. He asked Shannon if she had anything she might add to the update as she is waiting on us to get quotes.

Shannon interjected that we're applying to the Tyler Huegland Foundation, which she has a personal contact with. Tyler was a friend of hers and his parents created this foundation in his honor. He was working at Fred Algiers, which is a Wall Street company, and he died in the first tower on September 11th four months after he graduated from Columbia University. I went to school with him and contacted his parents about Muncie and how we're trying to make our parks better. After some conversation with the board and with our park staff, we decided that Heekin Park would probably be the best location to redesign that court and set up a memorial for Tyler, at that site. So, we're working on the quote and then we'll submit the proposal to them shortly.

Carl continued and moved on to a new playground structure as Muncie Parks Department and Game Time have entered into a process to have some matching grant opportunities to put in four new playground structures at four different parks. The four parks we chose were Gilbert Park, which is a smaller park right close to downtown. Cowing Park, which is behind Wheeling. The playground structure there is pretty old, so we want to try to get that out and get in some new playground equipment for that neighborhood. Westside Park, which is heavily used throughout the week and on the weekend. Its playground structure is kind of small and old as well. So, we thought that park would be a good site. And then at McCulloch, we took out a playground structure last year and we hadn't put in any replacement. Its playground structure is going to be geared for the small age group of kids, 2 to 5 years old. I think once we're done, we'll have to add in some ADA ramps to enter from both sides of the park itself, once we do get to the playground structure process. We've already kind of looked and seen where those ramps need to go in. So, we're looking forward to getting the process underway, getting everything approved by the city and then begin to put some timelines on the completion of those four parks.

Brad inquired if there were any additional questions for Carl and there were none.

6. PARKS PROGRAMMING & EVENTS – Carl Malone, Superintendent

George is not with us this evening due to hosting the Future Choices Vote 50 “Meet the Candidates” event tonight. We have two events that need approval tonight.

Southside Neighborhood Association would like to host a community fun day with our local heroes of the Sheriff's, Police and Fire Department at Ball Corp Park on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, from 5:30 – 8:00 pm. They expect 100 – 150 people and security will be provided by members of the association and invitees.

Vote was taken by all Board members present. Motion carries. Motion approved by all members present.

The Bridge Community Church would like to host a Halloween event for the community on Saturday, October 28, 2023, at Cooley Park from 6 – 8 pm. They expect approximately 100 people and the church board and elders will provide security for the event. There will not be any vendors as they will serve pizza, water and give out candy. They are requesting 2 extra trash totes, 2 portapots (if the bathroom is not able to be open), access to the lights and a power source. They did host this event last year and there were no issues. It is the same time as our Trunk or Treat but Nikki said it works out well for the kids as they can go from one to the other.

Vote was taken by all Board members present. Motion carries. Motion approved by all members present.

Carl presented the Board with two flyers. One for the Trunk or Treat which will be in Heekin Park on October 28, 2023, from 6 – 8. He doesn't need approval for it as he's just giving an update. The second is for the Soccer Program. Soccer is underway. Registration has been completed. They'll start soccer at Ball Park this coming Saturday. We've held soccer there for a couple of years now and haven't had any problems. A few volunteer staff members of the Park Department will help out with traffic and we've been busy clearing out the parking lot to create more parking spaces. So, we're just making the board aware that the Friends of Conley and Muncie Parks have entered into the partnership again to provide six weeks of soccer there at Ball Park.

Brad inquired if there were any additional questions for Carl and there were none.

7. PRAIRIE CREEK REPORT – Dustin Clark

Dustin stated they've been pretty busy over the last couple weeks. They are currently preparing Ironman that is September 30th. We are actually probably going to be receiving trucks, semis, dumpsters and alike, starting to fill parking lots as early as tomorrow or Thursday. So those things will be arriving. So anybody's coming out of the park, be aware that you're going to start to see a big gathering and a big change here in the next couple weeks.

We did have some damage to the launch. That has been patched and paved. We are working with the Street Department to get some additional patching and paving done. They're working with their one man paving unit. So basically the four foot wide one to come out and try to fix some things for us. So that's oncoming now that it's getting a little bit cooler. We have hired one additional person for janitorial and one additional person for office. We are still looking for labor. We are still looking for additional office, still looking for additional janitorial, still looking for additional security. So anybody who knows anybody who's looking for a job, our season doesn't end when the October 31st season ends. There is still quite a bit to do. So we are still looking to fill some of those positions.

Some news on the security gates. We had postponed the closing of those for almost 2 weeks and then on the night that we went out to go turn them on the 15th, we ran into another issue. We are now waiting on the company to get us a replacement timer box. We reached out to the manufacturer directly and attempted to get something quicker and that can only be purchased through a license distributor. We've reached out to the license distributor, Tawny's, reached out to them, texted them, emailed them. As soon as we can get, that replacement piece will be set up to move forward, but until then we don't want to drop the gates. Unless that's the wish of everybody. So we're not against that. If that's the decision, the gates can come down tomorrow. They'll just be down and you'll just fob in and out. But the timer system isn't working properly until we get a replacement something from the manufacturer and the manufacturer will only give that to a distributor and we are waiting on the distributor again. So that's the update on that.

Winter Storage started going out September 1st. We hope to have the last of those out tomorrow. Many people have gotten their letters, more letters are to come. If you haven't gotten your letter yet, don't fret. If you do have a concern, call the office. But Winter Storage letters have gone out and the last ones go out tomorrow.

We are in negotiations with Dean's Docks to move into the second phase and/or the next set of completion for the floating piers, so we're excited about that.

To move that process forward, I will point a gentleman out in the audience who probably does not want to be pointed out, but Mr. Junior Cook is with us tonight. His family received quite an honor. The Cook Family Education Center was named after their family for more than 80 years of service. That ceremony was held on September 11th at 11 and since then we've had really good response to Education Center. We've had quite a few groups interested in coming and starting to use that facility.

The beach did close after Labor Day. We had a very successful season. We will bring back three of the guards for Iron Man event day and then after that'll be the end of the season for that facility and it'll go into winterization.

We did run into a non-law enforcement but an issue that we're going to bring to the Park Board. We had an unapproved event take place. We believe that it been approved maybe in the past and they just assumed that they had permission. We can say names if the board wants us to. They brought out a circus tent and horses and a zip line, a slide, and they stated that in the past they had permission to do this. We told them that's not how things are done anymore and that they needed to go through the right channels. We did require that they immediately send us the liability for all of their vendors. We contacted the parks board and they know that they are on thin ice. They have called, they have apologized, they have stated that they are going to reach out and follow the right way. But a gathering of 200 plus individuals showed up to have an event and no event permit, no nothing. We discovered it while they were setting up the tent and we went and inquired who they were and what they were doing there and they stated they do this like a lot and we informed them they don't.

James inquired where that event was held. Dustin responded they had that at the beach. They rented a shelter and then they took over the beach bowl area, the basketball court and then across the field by the water and 200 plus was probably an accurate number. Tawny added, we discovered that as we were going to work on the gates and put them down and we had no idea. Dustin stated they admitted that they didn't contact us but they just assumed that everything was copacetic since they did rent a shelter. The shelters maximum occupancy is like 40 people not 200. So we're going to work with them to rectify that situation. They'll come before the board and explain their situation and get approval for next year's.

We are working with MPD and asking them to create an MOU which they will bring before the board. That MOU is to allow outside agencies to enforce rules and regulations set forth by ordinance 9517 D the city ordinances and the parks board rules and ordinances. Currently law enforcement can only detain if they are outside and they have to wait for an MPD officer to respond. We would like MPD to work with us to have an MOU to allow them to take immediate action instead of wait for another officer in another area to respond. Along those same lines, we are having some issues with

enforcement of our ordinances. It is unclear to some law enforcement how to proceed when it is something nontraditional, like a boat in the wrong spot or somebody parked in somebody else's dock slip or normally they said if it was a car or vehicle, they know exactly what to do. They tow it and tag it and do all the stuff they not that they were unwilling they needed a lot of there is it's unclear how to proceed. So we are asking you, the park board, to help us draft something that would give them more direct, black and white information on how they should proceed when it's nontraditional. Where do they tow the boat to? Does it remain on property? Do we lock it up? Does Prairie Creek move it? Do they pay a boat company to come in and move it? Something like that. And so we're running into some of those issues. We're checking stickers a lot more and we're finding this a lot more. So it's becoming more of a known issue. I'm sure it happened in the past, but we're trying to address that.

And then oh, I skipped one, actually skipped #1. So we had tested out a gate concept on gate #9. We think that that's going well. We've asked a couple people and they seem to be okay with it, some minor modifications. So we will probably be purchasing the gates that are at gate #9 for 2024 season. So any of the current floating piers will have that gate and then as long as that goes well any new pier that go in would get that gate as it's installed. So new piers would get a gate and a sign that says dock holders only stay off. You know the proper wording. But I think it says dock holders only, no admittance or something to that effect now. So that's what we would do.

Tawny stated The Friends of Prairie Creek are doing a Halloween event they do every year. They're going to do that on October 21st from 6 to 8. We are going to try and help them any way that we can. I talked to Jackie and if anybody wants to bring toys out, small gifts to help with that event, you can drop them off to Miss Jackie. Or I'll help collect them in my office if they can't find Jackie, and I'll get those to her. Junior's going to come out on his time and do the hayride for the kids and my family's going to do like a cakewalk, so I'm really excited about that.

Tawny added she still has like 100 key fobs that nobody's came to get. If they need them mailed out, they can let me know. I just. I wanted to hear from them. I don't feel comfortable just putting them in the mail. We've had issues with the mail in the past and I don't want to put fobs in the mail without their permission. Especially if they come back and decide they want those closed all the time. We need those people to have their fobs to be able to get in. Yes, and I brought fobs in case anybody is here that don't have them yet any.

Brad asked if there were any other questions for Dustin and Tawny.

James asked if they know if there's going to be any campers not offered winter storage. Dustin responded with Yes. James asked if he knew how many and who they are yet, and Dustin responded with yes. James asked if that is a list we can get out to these people. Dustin stated it's less of a list and more of one. James then asked if they were talking a lot or a little. Dustin responded it is one person. James asked when will they know for sure on that and Dustin stated they already know. James asked if they have been notified yet and Dustin stated they have not been re-notified, they were notified of a different situation and then this will be the first time that they'll be notified that they are not getting a winter storage in conjunction with not getting the lease offer this next week. That's probably more of a one-on-one conversation, but.

Brad asked if there were any other questions for Dustin and Tawny. There were none.

10. URBAN FORESTRY GRANT OVERVIEW– DUSTIN CLARK

So this is a tremendous announcement. If you guys did not see the city's web page, we are actually now the full recipients. I think we asked for \$3.6 million over the course of five years and we were granted the third most allotment in the state at \$2 million. So some adjustments will have to be made. We still feel like this will be a multiyear event and it will cover the cost of additional urban forestry, additional supplies, additional equipment, training, education, and obviously trees. It is specifically written in the grant that this is for underdeveloped, underutilized areas. So not all parts of Muncie will have access to this specifically, just certain regions.

Shannon asked if the grant is housed in a certain department and Dustin stated it is out of the Public Works department as they already have people that cut trees. They already have equipment, they already have stuff like that. Now that can be talked about, that can be looked at and I would assume especially since we were not awarded the full amount, that's probably an opportunity to come back and make revisions or changes as long as everybody's in agreement.

Brad stated he assumes any of that work will be partnered close with Kelly and the Urban Forestry team and that board and department. Dustin responded, we will bring that before the next Urban Forestry Board and let them know that we've got that, that we are now actually moving forward. Before it was just an application, now it's actually an award. Now we can start. Here's what we can and can't do.

Shannon asked, so they give you a list of what you can and can't do and Dustin stated, yes. Shannon then asked if he can share that with us, and Dustin responded, yes, I can e-mail you guys the grant and then the parameters that we had to apply within.

Shannon congratulated Dustin on the grant. Dustin responded, yeah, \$2.2 million. Pretty good. A very good chunk of change. I would like to make sure that the right people get the credit. It was done through us. I did have a small role to play, but Delaney Fritch did an amazing job. She spearheaded this. She should get a lot of credit. She worked months on it. Shannon asked who is that and Dustin replied Delaney Fritch is an employee, she's Special Projects with the City of Muncie, and she's helped out with 1000 Trees and quite a few other projects.

Brad inquired where the money came from. Was that State or Federal? Dustin responded it's Federal.

Brad asked if there were any other questions on the Urban Forestry Grant. There were none.

11. RATES FOR PCR 2024 and OPERATING HOURS PROPOSAL FOR PICKLEBALL COURTS

Brad stated, as most of you know, we made adjustments to the pricing last year and during that process we did not approve an annual automatic increase and we committed to reviewing those in August of this year. We had a couple long meetings. We delayed that discussion and needed to get that on the agenda because of our commitment last year. Dustin and his team did send an e-mail this week, I think all of you had seen, that they're comfortable with where they're at this year on docks and campgrounds.

I do think that we need to look at our event rates and also our launch rates, which would be our daily users. Dustin added it would be the daily rates, annual launch and events that we would feel comfortable with especially since those weren't really adjusted in a previous year. We are not seeking an increase this year for seasonal dock holders, seasonal slip holders, and seasonal campers. Brad added, I don't know that we need to iron out all those details tonight. I think we're open to discussion. For note, our daily rate has been \$10, correct. Dustin stated that is correct, \$10 to launch and then an annual is 100. For annual and all of our events, large, small, multiday are \$25. Even though they are in the actual paperwork, they are separated as a large event or a small event. Both of them are still priced at \$25.

Brad stated he and Dustin have talked a little bit independently. I think a good path for that would be a small event, would be a small family, a church group, Johnny's birthday, and things of that event. I think we want to hold that at an affordable rate. A large event in my mind is probably pushing into that 100 participant range and then a multi-event obviously is pretty self-descriptive. Those would be the three pricing tiers I would look to.

Shannon inquired, so are we talking small event, 40 or fewer. Dustin responded shelter size is kind of I think what Brad and I had roughly discussed. So yes, we do have large shelters and we do have like rock shelter that's probably less than 20. So it would depend on the shelter size. But yeah, if it gets more than 50 people, even if it's a family event, now it's a large event in our minds but we are open to discussion.

Brad asked if there were any thoughts or discussion we want to have? There were none. Brad added, today, I guess my task to you guys would be maybe for the next meeting work through the numbers, bring us what you might present and then we can review that next meeting and then look at a vote for October present it and then we could vote for November for those launch fees and event rates.

Dustin asked, so we need to provide you with documentation for budgetary change for those three: small event, large event, daily launch and annual launch, those four. Brad responded, yes and any others that you would be asking for price change on, but it sounds like you're not interested in price change on the docks or the campgrounds this year.

Shannon inquired when people rent or people are having an event, do they currently have to rent the shelter and then they pay the \$25 fee in addition? Dustin responded that is correct. You can rent the shelter and not have an event. So you could rent the shelter for \$57 and change and not pay the \$25.00. But if you were having an event, you would still rent at least the shelter, but then you're also talking facility and then you're talking grounds. And are we providing weekend janitorial service and then are we providing you set up the night before? Let's say it's a large wedding, are we setting up the night before? Are we having to put security there to watch so nobody take your stuff? Is it a multi-day event? Is it?

Tawny added they only get the shelter if the event is that like over in that area. Some events are just for the beach, like a baptism. They won't need it unless they wouldn't have like a dinner afterwards, and they'll also rent that along with the \$25 they paid for the event. And then some don't use the shelters at all. So it just depends on what they're wanting to do and where they're at.

Brad asked if there were any other questions on pricing. James asked just clarity, so we're just introducing next month but will not vote on any increases until November. Brad stated that would be his preference if that pleases the board. That gives us an opportunity to review them and get them out to the public.

Shannon asked Dustin if he remembered how he created that table for the Board looking at comparable prices of different campsites. Was that you that did that? Brad stated he believes Tawny and Dustin did the full pricing guide, but he did the campground and dock comparable. Shannon asked if they could we do that for these events and these

launch rates? Is it feasible to gather that data from different lakes and reservoirs around town or around the state? Dustin stated he would work on that.

Brad asked if there were any other questions on pricing. There were none.

Brad added we've got rules on here as well we've identified through this year. We've got some floating dock related rules that we kind of put off last year that we didn't add not knowing how we're going to proceed through. And we also have some horse club and horse trail rules that needed to be added to our comprehensive list. Maybe that's an opportunity we can have those compiled for the October meeting as well and then they can be presented for the vote in November. Dustin replied stating he's thinking it's going to be very busy between now and Iron Man. So I was just making sure that we had enough time to follow through on that because there's a lot of back and forth to trying to get that.

Shannon asked if he wanted to push that off. Brad interjected that he thinks we've got at least the Horse Club rules that would be pretty straightforward. Some of the dock rules. We may need to talk to the Commodore and the Friends of Prairie Creek Club to make sure that those get incorporated. I know we've talked about ropes, we've talked about boats that aren't in the right slip and access to the docks. So there's some new things there with the floating pier system that need addressed.

Any other questions on Prairie Creek rules and prices for 2024? There were none.

11. FRIENDS OF PRAIRIE CREEK – Jackie Sciscoe

We had our bimonthly meeting on September 8th. We discussed several of the upcoming events which Tony had said we're having the Halloween Bash on October 21st from 6 to 8. We also did a corn hole tournament last Saturday which we did a few just for fun tournaments last year, but this one we did a \$5 buy in and half of the money was going to be for Friends of Prairie Creek to have or the Halloween bash. We had 12 teams and the two winners actually donated their money back to Friends Prairie Creek. So we got all of that. And then Jeff Robinson was out there visiting some friends. He stopped by and he actually matched our donation. So we ended up with \$320 to use for the Halloween bash.

And since we did so well, we may save some of it for the Easter in the spring because we had a really successful night with everybody donating their money back to us. But it was fun. We had a lot of people there, some people that just had not attended events before and a good time. So our meeting on the 8th. We covered all of those events plus some concerns were brought up. Some of the stuff has been addressed. So gates obviously have been a concern, but you guys have talked about that dump stations that those need upgraded. I think this is stuff you're all aware of. Another concern and I'm not sure if

some of the people in the back want to address this more, but it was brought up I think by Carl about the geese in the city parks. But we have a major issue out there with the seagulls and geese with feces all over boats.

So the question was they didn't know what we can do about that, if the health department has been contacted or I don't know if you guys followed up with the issue with the city parks, but I told them you were looking into that. So maybe something that we can get some feedback on that. Restrooms are also a concern, which we talked to Tawny. She's well aware of. I know they're short staffed, but they have been extremely dirty during the weekend. I'll just say dirty. And the other thing was the switch list/transfers for docks, camp sites, all of that. We know there's some sites open right now as well as some docks. There's people that are interested in switching, mainly some of the people that are having issues with their boats getting feces on them and docks or campsites that maybe their camper is too big for the site that they were currently in. But there's open spots. So before they get put in the lottery next year, possibly thinking about letting the current people that have been out there switching into those spots where they have a month to get everything moved and switched before those are thrown in the lottery next month, Bree is actually one. So I'm going to let her address that.

Hi, my name is Brienne Thornburg. I'm Bree. I emailed you. I know you've been busy, so I just wanted to ask you. I did write you the letter. Our camper is quite big for the spot we're in. 117 and 107 is right behind me is open. I measured it and there's plenty of room. There's two trees also in our lot, so it's very difficult to have our awning, our outdoor kitchen and empty our tank. On the other side. Not that we're the only one, but we're like this with our neighbor. I just thought if I'd be willing to pay the fee, I'm fine with that. I'll do all the moving myself. I would just like the opportunity to have the spot before it goes out into the general public since I'm currently there.

Jackie asked if anybody else wants to add about the boats but there were none.

A woman from the audience stated the seagulls is a major concern. She contacted the health department which I never got a response. We went to one of the new floating docks. We did not have a problem last year with our old dock, but it is ridiculous. It has ruined our covers. We've had the power wash our covers, it's putting holes in our covers. We've bought sound machines, chimes, everything that we can think of, rubber snakes to try to keep these seagulls off. And it has made it not even enjoyable to go out there. It's a health hazard. You know, there's pigeon disease. I don't know whether you can get diseases from this, but it is ridiculous. And I just think it's a major health concern. You know, they have things like around churches that sound off things. I mean, something needs to be done.

Brad stated he didn't know that we'll have a solution today for the birds, but that's something we can look into. I know we've had issues at Tuhey and some of the other

sites, they've had issues at the beach, but anytime you're dealing with the environment you got that other level of concern too and on what's allowed and how we do it the best way possible, so.

She added some of us have thought about switching docks where for some reason it's that one side that is so bad. The main concern not only for the expense that it is causing us and for our boat, but also the health issue.

Jackie added the only other issue was, and I know again they're short staffed but office hours, and I've had several people contact me about that. They've went out there to either pick up key fobs or contact the office and the office is just closed. Maybe if there can be a note posted on the window at least letting people know when they'll be back. So if you've driven clear out there, you know when you can go back and get assistance at the office or maybe posted on social media. I know I always am against Facebook because not everybody's on there, but it needs to be posted somewhere so at least people know that it's shut down for the day.

We are trying to work on our offseason meeting times. We're going to plan 2 offseason meetings just because it's harder to get people together. We're going to figure out a time and location. I'll let you know when we get all of that hammered out. And you're all welcome to come out to the Halloween Bash. We're going to do a rock hunt like last year. We hide the rocks early in the morning and post those for the kids to find. We have prizes, hayrides and all of that. We'll also do our campsite decorating and Pumpkin Carving. That will be on October 21st from 6 to 8.

Brad thanked Jackie for her time and asked if the Board had any questions for Jackie while she was at the podium? There were no questions from the Board. He then asked who was the winner of the tournament. Jackie stated her boyfriend Chad Miller and Bob Williams won. They did a blind draw, so it was fair for everybody and completely unfair for some people that were really bad and got paired together. But we all had fun, so that's all that mattered.

Brad thanked them for the update.

12. OLD BUSINESS –

Riverview was already discussed so we will move on to new business.

13. NEW BUSINESS –

Wood and Trash Waste Disposal

Carl stated he just wanted to have some discussion with the board as it relates to wood trash and waste disposal. So, we've had one conversation with Street Department, Park Department and the administration of Sanitation about what they thought was fair to

the park department at that time. My understanding was we were talking about trees citywide, trees that have to be cut up and then hauled off as well as park trees. But as things got going forward, we realized that any trees at the city that sanitation cuts and they don't pick up themselves, then our staff does and that weight amount for the \$1000 that we get a week, that's our cutoff. If \$1000 anything over that? Then we have to pay it and we don't have a line item in our budget for it. So I think that's why they sent that. They work with us on that. But you can go through \$1000 pretty quick just removing, trimming trees in the city parks and that also includes our waste, our trash, our trash dumping. So I just wanted to bring before the board and maybe have some meetings set up with the sanitation and administration to see how we can put something in place so that we can do a better job of waste and removing the trees.

Right now we let's say we get to our maxed out number and we're leaving wood and tree branches in our parks. If it's a Friday, then they're left there over the weekend because we reached our max amount of what we can dump. And so I just wanted to bring before the board and maybe have some conversation about it and then we can talk about it and figure out what we can do for 2024.

Brad stated he didn't have a good perception and asked what is \$1000 of tree waste? Is that a large tree? Is that 3 trees or what? Carl replied that it just depends. We can have one tree, big large tree come down like one came down right before we had the grand opening there at Heekin. A big one came out and we had to cut it and take it away and it was pretty significant amount.

It might have been over \$600.00 just right there so and we're facing fall and winter. And that's including city trees and like I said well as park trees. So that's why I wanted to have some discussion and figure out what we can do. Maybe get back at the table again and kind of talk about it, because I was under the impression we were just talking about tree for \$1000 a week. but we're talking waste and then any other wood that they cut down for the city, as well that's not picked up by sanitation and we pick it up that is also included in that that figure them out.

Brad stated it sounds like there's probably a couple other departments that probably have a stake in that as well. So you mentioned Sanitation Department, we talked Public works is managing the urban forestry money and then the urban forestry is probably part of that. He stated he didn't know what happens with street department trees. If that falls under Public Works or where is that goes as well. So I'd hate to see that the Parks Department was taking the brunt of trees in general. So, we just need to make sure that that's not what happens. Carl stated that's why he wanted to get before the board and just kind of talk about it and then figure out what we can do.

Shannon asked is that common practice for the sanitation department not to pick up? Carl replied, I think in the past there were fees, they didn't charge. He thinks the

Sanitation budget got cut and as their budget got cut they had to tow the line a little bit. To my knowledge they never charged at all. Our team would just go dump but then this year has been a little different. So I just wanted to kind of bring that before the board and maybe we can do some follow up with all the parties and entities involved and sit down and talk about it again.

Brad thanked Carl for the update and stated he didn't know if we've got any action or anything we can do for you right now, but it sounds like you'll continue to keep us updated there and what we need correct. Brad asked if the Board had any questions for Carl.

Shannon asked Carl what he would like from the Board. Brad also asked is there anything on that piece we can do or just support you and your team. Carl stated if we could just have a follow-up conversation with all the parties involved which would be Phil, Adam and then the administrator think it's Lambert and myself. And the Urban Forestry people as well since they're the ones that actually go out and actually making those decisions on what to hold. You know if we reach our number then they just leave stuff throughout and I really don't want to leave stacked up wood throughout the park, but sometimes we've done that last couple months just because we had already reached that total amount.

Brad thanked Carl for the update.

Brad asked if there were any other events or action items that need approval from the board.

14. ACTION ITEMS

Stacy Marlow. I'm creator and organizer of Just Jeepin' Delaware County. I did speak to Carl last month right before the meeting and I believe it came before you guys but I was not here so it was denied. We are wanting to have a Jeep event/car event at Westside Park next spring. We plan on calling it Wheels and Paws on the River. All of our proceeds we want to donate back to the Muncie Animal Shelter. I have already spoken to Nathan Sloan and The Mayor about this, they were on board. I want to have the Police Department, and I've not spoke to the fire department yet, but I want to have like a police versus fire truck, their car versus fire truck and they decorate it and let the public decide who wins. Just some fun community events to tie in the police and the fire departments and then have the car shows, some vendors and food trucks.

Brad stated he was sorry as that was on our agenda last month. We tabled that and I should have brought that back up in our event.

Stacey stated she did have some paperwork on it if you need to see the flyer that I'd made up and she also have the map of the area.

Shannon stated some of their questions revolved around security, how many vendors you were planning to have and if you had liability insurance?

Stacey responded this kind of event and getting the approval is new to us. So we're kind of learning as we go with this and that was another reason to be here this early to get everything in order what we need to do. We probably have 40 to 50 Jeeps alone. As far as vendors, I have no idea. I've reached out to a few people I know and gave them the idea of it. And I've had four or five people tell me, yes, they'd be interested. But I plan to get as many as I could to utilize the area to help bring in money for the animal shelter.

Brad asked in what area of Westside Park were you planning to use. Stacey stated they would like to do Between Nichols and Till it's in right there where the park is and the ball field and all that down by the new skating park that's going in. Shannon asked if it would be on the grass and Stacey responded they would like to do probably that and wrap vendors around as many as we could in areas you know by the park. Maybe even down by the water. I also want to do like a Kids Power Wheels contest to involve some children. A few of us have Power Jeeps and we were going to bring them and have like a little fun thing to do, stuff like that.

Shannon asked if this is a free event for the community and Stacey replied it would be free for the community to attend.

Shannon asked they were estimating about 40 to 50 Jeeps and how many cars? Stacey replied, maybe just as many. We're just trying to get this filled out on what we're allowed to do and before I really committed to getting a number from people I wanted to make sure it was even possible.

Shannon stated she had a few concerns. The first being it is kind of a landlocked park. There's only one entrance into it. There's also going to be theoretically our skate park construction going on simultaneously. I'm wondering if there's a better facility and maybe we could talk to Mr. Clark about that so it's easier for people to come in and out of. She asked if there was a reason why they chose that particular park and Stacey replied because I drive a Jeep, and I run Just Jeepin Delaware County, and it was just kind of a fun thing to think about jeeps on the river.

Shannon stated for the space she didn't know if it'll be great for like 100 automobiles. And the people that are attending where are they going to park? Stacey replied she was kind of thinking over by the skate park because when she spoke to The Mayor about this, he had thought maybe that we could utilize that area and like the basketball courts. I even was going to include some motorcycles to do like an event for them as well. We were going to have trophies and such for the different clubs to be able to win. So I was going to try to utilize as much of that space as I possibly could to get more money coming in for the animal shelter. And I've already spoke to the Director of the Animal

Shelter. Of course I didn't have an exact time frame or anything at that time, but she was definitely on board.

Brad asked if she had a rain date or what would the inclement weather Plan B be. Stacey responded the event date would be May 11th, 2024. The rain date potentially would be maybe the next day, the 12th.

Shannon asked if the gentleman at the podium with Stacey wanted to add something. He replied, he was going to ask you, where would you suggest as he understands her concerns with that park? What other park would you be entertaining to be able to let us do this in? Shannon stated she would defer to our Park Superintendent and the Prairie Creek Reservoir Foreman.

Brad asked Carl if he had any thoughts or opinions on this event as he had kind of mixed feelings here. He has some of the same concerns Shannon has but certainly would be open to trying the idea. To my knowledge we've not had an event like that there. But I think Shannon's got some valid concerns as well.

Carl stated he had two things. I definitely think the construction of the skate park would not allow for such space to be to hold the event. And then secondly, I did speak with Dustin and he thought maybe Prairie Creek area might be a space that can better facilitate the program. We have no way of knowing exactly on the skate park how that's going to go. As of right now, we just know that it is already in the process of being developed and so I think that whole space with construction and things of that nature it could create a problem.

Brad thanked Carl and stated his understanding was that it could be starting as early as this fall. So that would be his concern there.

Brad stated he would encourage Stacey to look into some of the other options like Prairie Creek, I think there's opportunity at McCulloch as potential sites. Several other parks would be options, but it sounds like the board is conceptually in support of this and wants to help you find a good location for your needs to go forward and figure out nail down everything.

Dust added that with Carl's blessing, if it works with their event, he would offer to partner and host with them out of Prairie Creek. Obviously we have standing ATV trails, we have hundreds and hundreds of parking spaces. I mean we take on Iron Man and we're proud of that. But I mean we are branching out into other events. We are pro off road. So we would offer to work with them, assuming that it didn't interfere with Carl. And the money could still go to Parks and the Animal Shelter, whatever you guys decided we would just be an intermediary to help.

Shannon stated another issue or not issue, but criteria that we have for events is that there's security. So having like a letter from somebody or from a private security firm or MPD saying we're going to handle security, it's also important for us to know how many people you estimate? We know this is your first time doing this, but having ample security as well, not just one security guard for hundreds of people. So that's another major consideration especially considering some of the issues that our cities faced recently.

Stacey stated this is a day event, it's from 12 to 4 is what I had figured on all the time frame. So it's not like we're going to be into evening hours or anything, but I totally understand what you're saying with the recent events.

Shannon asked if their organization was responsible for the ducks that you put on Jeeps. They replied there is actually a little story on that. During COVID, a girl one of her friends was having a bad day and she put a duck on her Jeep and said hope this makes you smile and that Lady has made this a worldwide nonprofit organization "Ducking Jeeps".

They asked if The Board had any other questions for them. Brad stated he didn't but that will require you to be at another meeting in person. But if you work with Dustin and Carl to find a location, I think we've asked all the questions we need. We just need to nail down a location and then we would be able to make a vote and recommendation on that event.

Brad stated that looking back at my notes, we also had another event that we tabled. Dustin or Tawny, did you have any additional details on the Summer Bash or any feedback there? Tawny stated the organizers had a family emergency today but they do plan on being here next month, so we'll discuss that next month. Brad added, we have penciled in those dates, reserved the site and in the questions and further approval we had for that event.

Brad asked if there were any other action items or events for approval from the floor, and there were none. He then moved onto public comment.

15. PUBLIC INPUT – Please limit time to 3 minutes.

Brad asked if there were any names on the public input list and there were none.

Jim interjected, the date of our next meeting I believe is a 17th, not the 19th. All agreed.

Meeting was adjourned by Brad Marshall, President.

*** Next Park Board meeting is currently scheduled for October 17, 2023 at 6 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium.**



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