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Muncie Park & Recreation Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 20, 2024
City Hall Auditorium

- (1) Call to Order
- (2) Pledge of Allegiance
- (3) Roll Call
- (4) Approval of the minutes from (January 2024) Park Board Meeting
- (5) Mayor Ridenour (Fire Station Approval)
- (6) Superintendent Report – Carl Malone
- (7) Parks Programming & Park Event Approval – George Foley
- (8) Prairie Creek Report – Dustin Clark
- (9) Friends of Prairie Creek
- (10) Old Business
 - Approval of Facility Request Application
 - Heekin Park National Registry Update
- (11) New Business
- (12) Action Items
- (13) Public Input – (3) minutes limit – Please state your name and address.

*** Next Park Board Meeting – Tuesday, March 19, 2024 (6:00 p.m.) - City Hall Auditorium**



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Superintendent Report

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Muncie Parks Department

Two (2) of our park staff have been busy inspecting all city parks playground structures to insure we are meeting Park Safety Regulations for Parks 5 Year Plan. They are checking mulch levels, unsafe playground structures, monthly visual inspections, sign locations, and ADA regulations. Also, Muncie Parks and Recreation purchased a second snow truck with a salt spinner attached to the bed of the truck with a snowplow blade.

Staff completed all the painting that was necessary for Cabin 2, 3, 4 and 5. We also stripped and waxed all floors.

Game Time Recreation staff (Marsha) was in Muncie visiting the (3) Parks that will soon have new playground structures. Marsha wanted to reiterate our ADA guideline regulations.

Riverview Park Update

We met with David Heilman, Flatland Construction last week to discuss concerns from Whitely Community Council the play zone, removing new playground to another area, installing playground fence, install speed bumper, no fence between pickleball court and basketball court.

The timeline date for park opening is still unavailable.

Muncie YMCA

- The Superintendent and Program Director had a meeting with YMCA Staff to discuss contract review.
- Tuhey Pool conversation with Legacy Security Solutions about providing security for 2024 season.
- Seasonal hiring dates and interviews

Park Board Discussions

- Mulch Pricing
- New 5 Year Plan update and timeline

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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February 20, 2024 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 JANUARY BOARD MINUTES-

Mark Earvin motioned for the approval of the January minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Shannon Powers.

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

5. FIRE STATION APPROVAL – Dan Ridenour, Mayor

Mayor Ridenour presented the Board with a packet showing the proposed location for Fire Station #6 in McCulloch Park and showing how it will go in and out of Martin Luther King Blvd. We will continue operating out of the current station until after the build of the new facility is completed and then it will be torn down. It is not yet approved as there are three steps that need to be accomplished through City Council. The first has already happened and that was approved 8-0. The second step will happen at the March meeting and that will be the introduction of the ordinances and the April meeting will be the final approval. What they would be approving is the bond. We do not have the funds to pay cash but that facility is in desperate need of expansion which this plan covers. It will go from two bays to three bays, from combined living quarters to separate living quarters so that male and female can operate in the same building. Once we receive final approval in April we are putting this out to bid on the bond pretty quickly and construction could begin early in the summer.

Mayor Ridenour wanted to get the Boards approval or support of the plan. The size of the park ultimately won't change though it will while the new building is under

construction and the old one is being utilized. After the tear down it will go back to being the same. We believe it will impact one of the disc golf course holes which Carl and George are aware of and they will start making plans to temporarily restructure that and when the current station is torn down it can be moved. This will be slightly impacted during construction which we anticipate being from June to June. We will put it out to bid as quickly as possible and expect it to take approximately twelve months for the building and then there will be demolition. It could be a little longer but he believes it will impact 2024 and 2025.

Brad asked if there were any questions from the Board and there were none. Brad stated he had a few things he wanted to call out from what he noted. The plan calls for two new trees for each mature tree removed and a minimum of one tree per ten parking spots. Sounds like there is a plan to maintain the greenspace which the Board appreciates. Shannon asked what will happen with the current station and Mayor Ridenour replied it will ultimately be torn down by the City. After we will determine the need for the Park and the City and we may possibly do some landscaping. We have about two years to design how we want that to look. We will see if anything pops up that makes things more challenging or easier depending on what the disc golf players want, etc. All of those things will be available. We intend to tear it down and plant trees but we don't have any other plans at this time. The entrance to MLK will be shut down during construction. Brad asked if that was just during construction or long term and Mayor Ridenour replied once the new station is built the entrance to the old station will be blocked off and that area will not be concrete, it will be grass. Brad added a lot of the drives and parking are conceptual but on the drawings there appears to be a lot of parking and the flow of traffic, he's sure as we move forward that will be looked at even closer. We looked at facing it towards Centennial, diagonal towards the corner and MLK and we felt because of traffic it was better to do the ins and outs off of MLK instead of Centennial.

Shannon asked if there was any other construction at this time in this area of the park such as sidewalks and Mayor Ridenour replied he doesn't believe there is anything beyond what we are doing with the station at this particular time. Brad added he assumes there will be signage as pedestrian traffic may be impacted as the gas station is there and with the neighborhood across the street and that will be something to look at as far as enhancing the park on that north end. Shannon interjected looking at the picture there appears to be a sidewalk but the Mayor stated that is actually the back side. Mayor Ridenour stated he does not anticipate a sidewalk on the MLK side due to the fire trucks going in and out. He added the City Engineer went through it and made his suggestions to make it as safe as possible as you have to be a certain number of feet from the stop light and other things were factored into the design. Mayor Ridenour added this still needs to go to City Council for approval but he wanted the Parks Board to have the opportunity to look at it first.

Brad stated he didn't believe there was any action the Board needed to take unless the Mayor wanted something in particular for them like a vote of approval. The Mayor replied he wanted to make sure everyone received the documents and wanted to be sure if the Council asked if he had spoken with the Parks Department and Board he could say if the Board had any challenge to the plan. He inquired of Mark Earvin if we need to have any action that approves this plan and Mark replied there was no need for a formal approval but they could do a vote of support of the project.

Mark made a motion for a vote of endorsement of the Fire Station project as presented. The motion was seconded by Shannon.

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

Brad thanked the Mayor for bringing this before them and stated as the project moves forward they would appreciate updates as they move through the process. The Mayor stated they would keep them updated. He will also make sure the Board is invited to attend the groundbreaking ceremony.

6. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Carl Malone, Superintendent

Staff has been working on reviewing the playgrounds as we get a lot of information from the community and staff about issues in the parks. He will then go out, take pictures and assign someone to go out and see if it is something we can fix or order the parts needed to repair items. These guys have been out laying their eyes on all of our playground structures in our parks, checking the mulch levels for fall safety to avoid legal action, and doing monthly inspections which will be very helpful for him to be able to discuss items about the 32 parks with the Board. We want to make sure we are able to rectify things pretty quickly especially at our busy parks like Westside, Heekin and McCulloch. We are depending on those guys to be thorough and give us an accurate report monthly.

We were able with the blessing of City Council and the budget, The Mayor and all involved to purchase another snow truck. We've had some added responsibilities as it relates to snow removal, so the truck we got has a blade, salt spinner on the back that allows us to clean out the snow at several parks and other places.

The staff has also been working in the cabins making repairs. We had a furnace and AC unit installed into Cabin 3 at Heekin, as well as painting projects in all of the Heekin cabins. They have also stripped and waxed the floors in several of the cabins making them look very nice and inviting.

Marcie from Game Time came down to look at the three locations where the new playground structures will be installed within the next few weeks. Cowing Park will be the first to get a new playground structure. She was in to give us some feedback on ensuring we are in compliance with ADA regulations. We then went to McCulloch Park which will be the second location and then Gilbert's Park which is right off of Madison. We were glad to have her come in and to get started in about the next ten days providing the weather holds up and we don't get any additional snow.

Riverview Park – This is a project that has been in the works for quite some time. There have been several meetings with the City, Dustin Clark, Flat Land, The Mayor and members of the neighborhood. He attended the meeting last week and there were some concerns so he got ahold of Dave and they along with George went out to review and discuss some of the concerns which were brought up. Carl also emailed the Mayor and Dustin regarding those concerns as well. We plan to follow up, get back out there and see but some things are just going to be what they're going to be in terms of what we can do. We're going to try to make it as safe as possible. We plan on putting up some fencing and safety markers and a few other things George and I have discussed for inside the playground zone. Dave assured us some things were temporary and will be removed. We also discussed the division of fencing between the pickle ball court and basketball court. Dave stated there was nothing in the plans for fencing to separate the two courts and keep the balls going into the other court. We will work something out for that and then meet with the Mayor and the neighborhood so we can all get on the same page. The neighborhood would also like a timeline for the opening of the park as they weren't given one. We informed them we are trying to get this project completed in 2024.

YMCA – We had a conversation with the YMCA staff about the possibility of managing Tuhey Pool again this summer. We discussed the actual contract, language in the contract, and will bring it before the Board for review before finalization. We're looking at having that done pretty soon. We also met with Legacy Security about them coming back and providing security for Tuhey Pool. We had minimal police calls last year which means our safety component was in place. Our city officers are often busy making other runs, so if we can keep those runs to a minimum, I think we all win in terms of safety at our city pool.

Seasonal Hiring - We have started our seasonal hiring. We had three interviews today and have a couple more on the books. We're looking to get individuals hired and bring them in early April or the last of March, depending on the weather.

Mulch – Carl wanted to discuss with the Board mulching and why it's important to have it. Mulch is expensive. When you look at the rubber surfacing that is out there, it's a little pricey at the offset but when you look at the years when we have to bring in new mulch to replace when it gets worn down. Take a period of 5 years and you would be surprised at the cost associated with mulch. We just wanted to start that conversation with the Board to discuss for our next 5 year plan and how we can put that in place and look into possible grant opportunities. We looked at it for 9 parks and it came it around \$150,000.00. We have 32 parks, not all of them have playground equipment but it will add up as we add more parks. We only did the cost analysis for 9 parks.

Shannon asked if he was saying it would cost approximately \$150,000.00 for rubber surfacing and Carl replied he is speaking about regular mulch. Based on the cubic feet and depth of those playgrounds, and the calls we've made those were the quotes received. Shannon asked if he had an estimate for the three new parks and he replied that was included in the bidding/rendering process when the City made the decision to put those three parks in. The mulch and all was included in that. Shannon asked if those 3 parks would have mulch or rubber surfacing and Carl stated they would have mulch. Carl stated there was one park they thought they would be able to get the rubber mulch for and they are working on that. He thought it would be good to get the rubber mulch into at least one park as a good display for all our other parks in the city. There are several parks around the state that have rubber surfacing and it really stretches and goes a long way. Shannon asked that they sit down and possibly write a grant for it before we get the structure installed and Carl asked that they follow-up the next day with a time when they can sit down and talk about it and the process with Tuhey as well. Brad asked for confirmation they were discussing the hard rubber surface and not the tar surfacing. Carl stated it is the rubber surfacing, not the tar, which is not recommended. We still have the tar at some parks and it needs to come out.

Carl asked if there were any additional questions and there were none.

Carl added they are looking forward to the continued beautification of our parks and keeping the team motivated to do the work that is needed from them. Our plans are to continue to march forward and make our parks look better.

James asked Carl who decides the placement of the playground equipment when we put new playgrounds in. Carl stated it is decided by park staff, the community and the company. We normally meet with the neighborhood associations for some input, usually at the beginning stages of the project. They share what they would like to see and then staff and playground company move forward with the planning and renderings. Shannon asked who has the final say on the design and James asked who tells the builder where to install the playground equipment. Carl replied once they come out and

survey the area, the architect makes that decision. Shannon asked would they be ultimately responsible for making safety changes. Carl stated they can make recommendations to the Mayor's Office, then the Mayor can communicate to the Parks staff any changes needed. George added Game Time came out about 3 times before construction starts and made some recommendations on where the best place to put some playground equipment as you have to have an ADA ramp so they were trying to save us space so we didn't have to make a long ramp. They came and viewed the space. We had to tear out all of the mulch before they came back to measure the depth and then Marsha came back last week for a final walk through to make sure the placement was still good.

Shannon asked about Riverview Park, like with the swings and the parking lot. Is that ultimately the City's responsibility and Carl replied it is and asked Mayor Ridenour if he had any comments but he did not. Carl stated he spoke with Dave from Flat Lands about that particular location and why as the question came up on why we couldn't put the new swing where the old one came out. Dave stated due to the regulations of the new park and design, the water run off had to be able to run towards the river/lake.

Brad asked if there were any additional questions for Carl. Shannon asked if Carl had an update on Tillpond and Carl stated he did not have one. Carl asked Mayor Ridenour if he had any updates on Tillpond and he said there were none. We're still waiting for DNR approval to move forward on it and the skate park.

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

7. PARKS PROGRAMMING/EVENTS – George Foley, Program Director

There were no events presented for approval.

George presented the Board flyers for programming that is already in place for spring and summer.

Spring Soccer - We have soccer with Friends of Conley that will be starting in spring. Registration will start March 5, 2024, and will end April 2, 2024. There will be 5 weeks of games and all the games will be played at Ball Corp Park. Game dates are April 13th, 20th, 27th, May 4th and 11th. Applications have been taken to all of the Muncie Community Schools and will be turned into Friends of Conley. As far as the Parks Department is concerned, we make sure the field is mowed, ready and safe for when they have games. There is some excavating going on at Ball Corp Park right now using the bond money we were blessed with. The goal is to have the field leveled out and

smooth so the grass can grow back in evenly. That big area used to be a softball field and there is a big patch of dirt in that area. Now it will be filled with grass, will be flat with no humps, and safe for the kids to use for soccer and flag football.

NFL Flag Football – We've started registration for flag football on February 15th and so far we have 65 applications already filled out online. We are going to have 100 players in the program and registration is going very good. This is our second year partnering with the NFL to do flag football at Ball Corp Park. Those dates will be May 14th and 21st, skipping a week for Memorial Day, then resume back on June 4th and finish June 11th. It's a 4-week program and all the uniforms are provided at no charge and there are no fees. The ages for the program are K – 6th grade.

Internship Program – We started taking applications online for the summer internship program this past Friday, February 16th. It's a 6-week program of mentorship and working. We have some new partners for this year that will have some of our youth doing internships. Our youth will be at IU Health, Thrive Credit Union doing some marketing, YMCA, ecoRehab building picnic tables, park benches and shade structures for our parks (Cowing and Heekin). We have some other partners that will be working with our youth, and we will be announcing them next month. They youth need to be ages 14 – 17 to be a part of our program. Registration is going good and we have 60 applications so far.

We have some more programming that Carl and I are working on that we will be presenting next month to the Board. I have been working with Dr. Powers to offer swimming classes at Tuhey. Dr. Powers has written a grant through Ball Foundation which will help cover some of those youth lessons. We will also have some other aquatic classes to go on at Tuhey Pool.

National Parks Day will be held May 4th at Heekin Park from 12 – 4. We already have vendors calling wanting to set up. At this event we will introduce what we are doing in our parks for the summer and fall. Carl and I would like to invite the Board to come out and enjoy the festivities. We'll have games and things for the kids and adults to do together.

George asked if there were any questions and Shannon inquired where the picnic tables and benches that were made last year are located. George replied they are currently in the shed until we start putting them out in the summer. We've received calls from some neighborhoods wanting some at their local parks, so we will figure out where to place them. After the new ones are made this summer, we will put those out as well. Shannon asked if they would be permanently secured in concrete and George replied they will

not. They will be placed out during the summer and put back in the shed during fall/winter.

Shannon asked if there was any other type of programming, or would that be what he talks about next month. George stated there is. We're continuing to build. We will be doing some Cub Scout baseball, some basketball and baseball camps for our youth, and softball for adults as we've been getting calls about that. A lot of tournaments and organizations are calling about having games at the fields at Gainbridge. It's been a busy winter getting ready for spring.

Brad asked if there were any other questions for George and there were none.

George reminded the Board there are renovations going on at Cabin 6 right now thanks to Community Development. They are replacing some windows, redoing the floor, and remodeling the kitchen in stainless steel. It is under construction and will be done by the end of May. We spoke with Gretchen about it, and we're excited to see the project when it is finished.

8. PRAIRIE CREEK REPORT – Dustin Clark, Supervisor

Dustin has three events for Board approval.

Harris Chapel – Church of the Nazarene – March 20, 2024. Easter Egg Hunt and they expect up to 500 people. They will be giving away hot chocolate and chili.

Shannon asked where it will be taking place and Dustin responded it will be held at the Beach parking lot and playground area. Shannon inquired if they've held this event before and Dustin stated he can't recall off the top of his head. James asked if it is the church down on the corner and Dustin stated it is. James stated he knows they bring coffee and doughnuts to the park throughout the year and hand them out. Dustin added they work with them on a lot of other stuff, but he isn't sure about the Easter Egg Hunt, but we've had good interactions with them in the past. Shannon inquired what time it will be held and Dustin replied staff will begin hiding the eggs at 11 a.m. and it will run through to 6 p.m. James inquired if it will impact anything at the beach area and Dustin replied it depends on the weather, but he believes they have the capability to handle it. Brad stated that is the Wednesday a week and a half before Easter.

Brad asked if there were any other questions and there were none.

James presented a motion for approval and Mark seconded the motion.

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

USA Bass Fishing – June 29, 2024, from 6 am – 2 pm on the water at the reservoir boat launch. It is a bass tournament and we do have a good history with them. They are expecting up to 30 teams or boats. Security will be provided by Gary Barnes, Jr. and he is also the Director. There will be no vendors and no food. They are not requesting any supplies from us.

Brad asked if they've had the event there before and Dustin replied they have.

James presented a motion for approval and Shannon seconded the motion.

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

USA Bass Fishing – August 24, 2024, from 6 am – 2 pm on the water at the reservoir boat launch. It is a bass tournament and we do have a good history with them. They are expecting up to 30 teams or boats. Security will be provided by Gary Barnes, Jr. and he is also the Director. There will be no vendors and no food. They are not requesting any supplies from us.

James asked if they get launch fees off of them and Dustin stated they do and most of the people are annual permit holders. Brad added these will all go by the event fees adopted last month. Dustin stated when they do events, the rules and regulations are provided, the bleacher information, the security, restroom & facilities, vendor information and the fees are provided when they fill out their application permit.

Brad asked if there were any questions and there were none.

Mark presented a motion for approval and James seconded the motion.

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

Dustin stated those were all the event approvals and moved onto Prairie Creek business.

Leases went out a little early per Parks Board request. If anyone has not received their pier lease or campsite seasonal lease, please contact the dock office immediately. There

is still a little over a month as the deadline to pay is March 31, 2024, which is the same as previous years.

We are gearing up for the season. We are wrapping up some winter projects so the construction of the 9 new piers and along with those piers we are going to accommodate security gates. We did a prototype test gate last year and we had no complaints. We're going to install the new piers with gates. They are low level 48-inch gates that have the ability to be locked. We are not starting with locks but are starting with no trespassing signs and Ordinance 95.17 D, so they know they have to lift the handle, walk through the gate, so they are now trespassing on a private dock. We're going to start there. We are currently constructing those new piers. We are also installing the bath house at the North Shore campground; we're putting a brand-new roof on that facility. We opted not to go with the old shingle roof. We've made a big push over the last 4 years to make long-term improvements with our money, so we're doing a metal roof. The Friends of Prairie Creek had a survey and chose the color. We also sent out a color option for the outside of the building as well. This last year was a lot of interior updates, this year it will be a lot of exterior updates for them. We are working on getting that ready to go prior to the season.

April 1st is opening day and a few days later on April 8th is the eclipse. If you haven't heard about the eclipse, we anticipate 4 million non-Hoosiers to enter the state of Indiana and out of that we expect between 1 to 200,000 people to enter Delaware County. There are 4 proposed viewing sites which are Prairie Creek, AMA, Delaware Campgrounds and Muncie Downtown Canan Commons. On the day of the event, we expect to have a tremendous amount of traffic. The City and the Mayor have been working with the Emergency Management Service to help mitigate this. They have been looking at what went well and not so well in Kentucky during the last one. We are going to try to make as many fixes as we can. For reference, from Columbus, IN to the Kentucky the viewing site was about 5.5 hours to get there to watch the event. It was 17.5 hours to leave. So, we expect an immense amount of traffic and theoretically it could be bigger than Ironman. We know people are coming in from Oregon. We've seen advertisements as far away as New Jersey advertising Muncie. We do expect quite a few people to come our way. During that event we are going to be parking people approximately where we do for Ironman. So, the beach parking lot will become parking for that day and the airport field, which is the main field to the north as you drive into the boat launch, that's the old Model Airport Field back before AMA. That's what we've used in the past for Ironman, and we are going to park cars there as well. Those two lots will be very full that day. We're also going to have viewing sites both on the Western Shore at Indian Hills with additional viewing sites at South Shore in the middle ring. Those will be 20x20 and can be reserved at the City of Muncie Eclipse website. We picked that size as it is a pretty substantial size to pull your vehicle in and put up a tent.

So if you're going to be there all day it gives you a nice place to get out of the sun and still have a good viewing spot. We are going to have a vendor fair. The Education Center will be open. We were graciously given some money through The Mayor's Office, and we will be hosting a carnival. We will have zip lines, slides, about 8 obstacle courses and bounce houses to give everyone something to do that day. Currently we have 9 food trucks, so it is going to be a big event. For Ron Bonham Days we typically order 7 porta pots and for this one day we are ordering 50. We have additional flush toilets coming in on a trailer. We usually get a couple of officers for Ron Bonham Days for the fireworks and for this event we are getting 15 officers the day of the event. We've been working with the Fire Chief and they are providing EMS onsite. We are working with Muncie Sanitary. Adam Leach has already responded and is securing us an onsite pump out truck so we can have those onsite flush toilets open, and they will still be able to monitor those. Muncie Sanitary will also be onsite that day.

Brad asked if there was any additional support from DNR or Water Safety for that day and Dustin replied they have not heard anything as of yet. Shannon asked if they will be allowing people to take their boats out on the reservoir and Dustin replied they are. James stated he saw a flyer that the Prairie Creek Pontoon Group was going to have a big float to watch the eclipse out on the water. Dustin stated he suspects a lot of people will be rafting lily pads together and having pontoon parties. It will be a great place to view and we anticipate it will be crowded.

Brad asked if they were charging for parking that day and Dustin replied they are. They will undergo tremendous wear and tear on the park in a 48-hour period, so we are going to charge for parking and the viewing sites and that will all go through the City Eclipse. Brad asked if they knew the fee yet or if they were still working through it. Dustin stated he would go to the City Eclipse website for that information.

Brad asked if there were more questions about the eclipse event and there were none.

Brad asked if Dustin had anything else for the Board and he replied he did not.

Brad stated before Dustin left, he did receive an inquiry from a camper. He thinks they discussed this topic before, but he wanted to bring it forth before the Board. When someone decides they no longer want to camp there and sell their camper, we have not let the campsite transfer with the sell of the camper. It's only for transfer between immediate family and that's been the process for as long as he remembers. Boats are different and have a different process. There you can sell your boat, can transfer the dock for a fee. She requested that she be able to sell her camper and transfer her lot. I explained what the rule is and that I would bring it before the Board. He stated he didn't believe we need to change the rule with the demand they have and the amount of lottery

entries they receive and the short supply. He doesn't see any reason to change the rule but wanted to open it for discussion. Brad asked if he had any thoughts or feedback and Dustin replied he had absolutely no comments.

Brad added speaking of the lottery, they can go to the website and sign up for that. Dustin stated it should already be up and if it isn't, please let us know. You can put your name in for the lottery as it will be open for the next several months. After March 31st we will then have the deadline and we will know what docks become available and after that we will go about another two weeks and have transfer/switch day. After switch day we will know which ones are truly open for the year and then we will be able to let those be open to the public and we will do that essentially the same as we did last year. We will do it online so you will be able to see it online. He thinks they had an in-person attendee and then we will have a random drawing from the computer to assign a person with either a pier or campsite space depending on what they put their name in for.

Shannon asked with the campsite are they going to have the same process for the trash, dumpsters versus trash cans this year. Dustin replied they are. The dumpsters are still in place.

James asked if people could do mutual swaps in the campgrounds right now and Dustin said they can. If they want to swap spots, be under a different tree or switch across and the two agree, there's no problem. Brad asked if there is an associated fee and Dustin suggested checking with Tawny as he isn't sure. Brad added he believes there is a process similar to what is done with the docks.

Brad reiterated that payments are due by March 31st and if you haven't received your lease to get ahold of the office because they all have gone out. Dustin added most people have responded they have received them. A couple people have contacted them saying their neighbor received theirs, but they haven't gotten theirs. We've checked and so far because of the new computer system it's because they've moved or updated their address or changed something and it came back. We are working diligently to make sure everyone has an opportunity, and we will be as flexible as possible.

9. FRIENDS OF PRAIRIE CREEK – Carl Malone, Superintendent

No representative was present. Brad stated he believes they have their spring meeting coming up and assumes they will hear more from them as we head into the summer.

10. OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Facility Request Application – George stated he emailed the Board the rental application for the fields. We are getting a lot of calls about the baseball and softball fields, so we wanted to come up with some agreements and pricing. People are calling about having tournaments. He isn't sure if the Board has had a chance to review the documents, but he did receive one change request from Dr. Powers and he has shared the documents with legal. We would like to get Board approval as we are getting close to baseball and softball season. This would be the standard form we would use for everyone. Brad asked if it included the updates from legal or if they are still pending and George replied they are still pending. Brad stated he didn't see any major concerns but obviously we will need to pass it through legal before we give a final approval but conceptually, we are headed in the right direction. He asked if it lines up with pricing for similar facilities and George replied it does. We looked at similar facilities in Kokomo and places like that which are of similar size. James asked who will monitor damage to the turf field. Is anyone going to go by, and check people aren't damaging the field, wearing spikes, metal cleats or long cleats. George stated he or a member of the staff are always there when we open the field and usually stick around until the game starts to make sure no one has on cleats. We also point out to anyone renting it that there can be no metal cleats or eating on the field especially at Gainbridge. Last year we didn't have any issues with that as far as Burriss or Central having games or with Adult Softball. Shannon asked if there was signage up about that and George stated there is signage at Gainbridge.

Shannon stated she thinks this is a good template as we continue to grow and build our amenities and outdoor facilities in the city like our pickle ball courts if we wanted to have tournaments there. George stated we can continue to add to the document for events at Ball Corp Park and other locations.

Brad asked if there were any other questions and there were none. He stated he would consider a motion for approval of the application pending legal review. Obviously if there are any major revisions we will need to review again.

James presented a motion for approval and Shannon seconded the motion.

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

Heekin Park National Registry – Shannon reported she would first like to give an update on the Tuhey Bathhouse Feasibility Study. She, Carl and George are meeting with Jonathan Spodek and Neil Hortsman to look at it tomorrow. Mr. Spodek gave an update from their last site visit on January 30th to assess conditions, take measurements and confirm drawings from the 1981 archives found at Ball State Archive Library. Research

on the building was conducted at the Muncie Carnegie Library Archives and through historic newspapers to find images of the building in its original state. Several alternatives for reuse as a space for public use similar to the current use of the McCulloch Park lodge have been developed.

With the Heekin Park National Registry update, last semester Mr. Spodek's BSU Architectural class wrote up a study to see if the park would be eligible for the Park National Registry. They filled out the entire application, took all of the pictures and he determined that it isn't at that status yet, but he did recommend we send it to the state DNR which she has done. We are now awaiting results which we should have for our March meeting.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Brad asked if there were any new items from the Board and there were none.

12. ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items or events for approval from the Board or the floor.

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

Brad asked for those signed onto the list for Public Input.

There were no names on the Public Input signup sheet.

Carl reminded the Board it is time to start looking at updating the 5 Year Plan. We are four years in and should look at where we started and where we currently are. He looks forward to reviewing everything and where we are with this Board in place, the Mayor in place and the partnerships we've built in the neighborhoods, with Heather Williams and her group and all the others who attend meetings and give us input and provide open dialogue and communication about our parks. We understand we still have a lot of work to do in our parks. Our parks system has had the same equipment in for several years, so to see what we've done just in these four years, I would like to give a shout out to the City, the Board, Programming, and Parks Department for the work we've accomplished in a short period of time.

James presented a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Shannon.

Meeting was adjourned by Brad Marshall, President.

*** Next Park Board meeting is currently scheduled for March 19, 2024, at 6 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium.**



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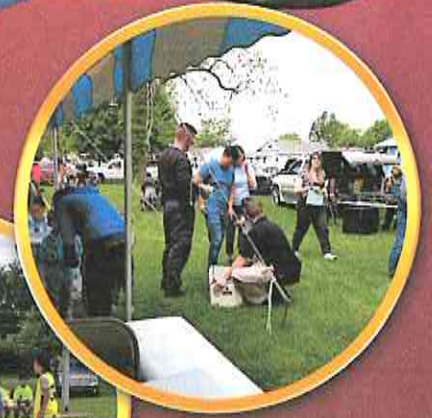
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Park Board Meeting Public Input Sign In Sheet

Date: 2/20/24

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