

**Board of Park Commissioners
Meeting Minutes of
May 9, 2022**

Call to Order: Mrs. Galka called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held open to the public and a call-in number for remote public participation.

Roll Call: Commissioners in attendance: Mrs. Galka, Mr. Kara and Mr. Such Also present: Park Board Secretary Ms. Montes and Park Director Mrs. Goodpaster. School Board Representative Mrs. Hillan. Absent: Council Representative Mr. Huddlestun and Commissioner Ms. Grabczak

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Mr. Kara, seconded by Mr. Such to approve the agenda as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Such, seconded by Mr. Kara to accept the May 9, 2022 minutes as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Approval of Register of Claims: There were few questions to the claims list. Mrs. Goodpaster explained that invoice for Ellenberger Maintenance Inc. is the landscape rock that was purchased for the final bed for the Lakefront and limestone was purchased to do the fields. Invoice for Besse is for the park department shirts, hoodies and pool gear for employees. Mrs. Goodpaster clarify that the department header fee is the annual fee for our website. Also, invoice for CSG Forte is the purchase of the swipers for the country jam; swipers will allow us to take credit cards. Payment for the swipers will come out the country jam line item. There was a small discuss on how country jam will be running in regards to beer garden and the profit. Mrs. Goodpaster stated that at the end of the event she will provide a full report on the Country Jam budget. Motion by Mr. Kara, second by Mr. Such to accept the register of claims. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Correspondence: Nothing under correspondence

Director Report: Mrs. Goodpaster stated that we are in full swing, guys are mowing, bathrooms are now open and hanging baskets will be going up soon and down town will look beautiful. Summer market starts Thursday May, 26th at 4:00pm; the country jam Friday June the 3rd and Saturday June 4th and pool opening day is Monday June 6th.

Mrs. Goodpaster mentioned that we are still working on the contract for the larger bathrooms at Festival Park, once sign we will then do a 90 day design process. Also the pre construction meeting for the CDBG funding will take place Thursday May 12th.

We are still hiring, we have a few guys coming back this year and we are still in need of lifeguards. We have partnered up with Ken Cawthon from the Hobart High School Aquatic Center to get lifeguards certifications. We posted the hiring lifeguards through social media and we are getting more responds and hoping for applications keep coming in. However, Mrs. Goodpaster stated that if we need to close couple days out the week to have a functional summer at the pool we would, but we are confident that we will get more lifeguards by the end of the month and we won't response to make any adjustments. Mrs. Goodpaster did go to the city

council and asked for a raise to the maximum pay rate for our part-time employees. The council raised the rate up to \$16.00 dollars, so that will help retain people and get lifeguards to work at a competitive rate.

Mrs. Goodpaster also mentioned that park department partnered up with Chasing Dreams. They do a planting event every year at Festival Park, this year the event will take place on the 25th at 11:00 am. The Parks has also partnered up with the boys scouts again to do a specific clean-up day June 5th at noon at Robinson Lake. Last year they brought in a lot of people and it did an amazing job.

Plan Commission Report: Nothing to report under plan commission

Common Council Report: Nothing to report under common council

School Board Report: Mrs. Hillan retouched on the fact that the school is having trouble with lifeguards as well, they are encouraging students to get certified and school is pay for their certifications. They are also paying students in the evening to sub as custodians because they are short handed as well. Mrs. Hillan announced graduation for kindergarten is Thursday June 2th and High School graduation on Sunday June 5th with a rain out day Monday the 6th outside at the football field. Mrs. Hillan also talked about creating a partnership with the free lunch program and the Lake County library program; so that kids can get to exchange books and get free lunch on the same day.

There was a small discuss in regards to country jam and the end goal of Brickie Bowl. Mrs. Goodpaster stated that for the country jam the bathrooms will not be open. There will be plenty of port potties provided for the country jam. She also mentioned a little about the future for Brickie Bowl. The plan mentions locker rooms, bathrooms, parking and electric. The end goal is to be able to have Brickie Bowl as a rentable facility.

Old Business: Nothing under Old Business

New Business: Gym Rental Rates and Fees: Mrs. Goodpaster asked the board if they had any concerns or questions in regards to the gym rental that was presented last meeting. She mentioned that the rental sheet didn't change; however, there was a calendar that shows city programming Monday through Friday. Pickle ball is still going on during the weekend and cardio drumming has been moved to the gyms as well. Open gym will be added once we get the okay from council. We are really looking forward for the party rental and ready to get that started right away. The rental fees were added to our deposit sheet as well. Mrs. Goodpaster sat down with the clerk treasure and fees were broking down, parks gets 35% of the rentals and city will get 65% to cover the overhead. She mentioned that any programming at the gym will be all 100% profit to us. Mrs. Goodpaster also made a deal with Shawn the new maintenance guy and he agreed to take care of the cleaning in the weekends as long as our guys mowed the area by the Maria Reiner Center.

There was a small discuss on the lighting on for the Gyms. Mr. Such offered to come out and take a look at the lighting and offered his expertise and do any job needed internally or the possibly with any grant available for lighting. The end goal is to be able to save some money to the park department. Mrs. Goodpaster and Mr. Such will be collaborating together and taking a

look at the lighting of the gyms. Motion by Mr. Such, seconded by Mr. Kara to approve the gym rental rates and fees. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Consideration of Trailer Purchases: The park department is looking to purchase a new trailer that is bigger; the one we have now is older and can only be used for smaller jobs. We have been borrowing public works trailer and it would be nice to finally have our own. We are doing bigger events and have bigger machines that require more room to load equipment to the trailer. The trailer that we are looking at is a Midsota 22' tilt bed trailer for the price of 12,230.00 dollars. This new trailer provides attachments and you would be able to load from the sides in which will help with having everything all together in one load. Mrs. Goodpaster mentioned that the money to pay for the trailer would come out the money we get from country jam. Motion by Mr. Kara, second by Mr. Such to purchase the Midsota 22' tilt bed trailer with a not exceed 13,500 dollars. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Announcements: Nothing under announcements

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Mr. Kara, seconded by Mr. Such. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)
