

**Board of Park Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2022**

Call to Order: Mr. Kara 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: Mr. Such, Mr. Kara and Ms. Grabczak. Also present: Park Board Secretary Ms. Montes and Park Director Mrs. Goodpaster; Council Representative Mr. Huddlestun. Absent: School Board Representative Mrs. Hillan and Commissioner Mrs. Galka.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Ms. Grabczak, 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 Ms. Grabczak to accept the September 12, 2022 minutes as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Approval of Register of Claims: Mrs. Goodpaster noted that the invoice for the Good Guys Collision Center is to fix the bumper of one of our employees work truck, due to an accident and other damages to the bumper. Motion by Mr. Such, seconded by Ms. Grabczak to accept the register of claims. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Correspondence: Nothing under correspondence

Director Report: Mrs. Goodpaster reported that we got through LakeFront Festival and it was a great year. We took over the Dam Duck Race this year and we decided to give back to the community this year by giving the Dam Duck tickets for free. We also added more fun activities for kids this year and we also provided a dinosaur show, a safari show and science show for the kids. As always we had great food and music. Mrs. Goodpaster provided a spread sheet of the overall LakeFront Fest break down for board to view.

Mrs. Goodpaster stated that the bathroom bids are out and are due Tuesday September 13th at 2pm. Depending how board of works wants to do it, they potentially will be awarded at the September 21st board of works meeting. Mrs. Goodpaster stated that she will provide the board members all the bidders and the bidder list in OneDrive.

Mrs. Goodpaster announced the Brickie Rally Friday the 16th. The Hobart Booster Club is putting it on and starts at 2:00pm. There will be a pep rally at Brickie Bowl, they will have craft vendors, food vendors and beer garden will be provided. They will have a DJ following Nawty band starting at 3-5pm.

Mrs. Goodpaster, Julie Mandon and events coordinator Nikki Lopez will be heading to conference Monday the 19th. Conference is at Phoenix and they are super excited to go and bring back home new ideas for our parks.

Mrs. Goodpaster reported that Country Jam was a great year and the break down was already provided on a spread sheet last park board meeting. Since then, we have been going over how we want it to go for next with Tyrus, Mayor and their promotion group. As far as the beer

garden goes, Tyrus and his team want to gain control of the entire beer garden. At this point we will be losing Country Jam if we don't come to an agreement. Hometown Jams is getting bigger and they will not grow if we stop them from gaining control of the beer garden. Tyrus and his team has expressed that they will find another venue. Mrs. Goodpaster noted that that the agreement that we are looking into now is charging a venue fee of \$2.00 of each ticket and a venue fee of \$7,500. So, we are roughly looking at a \$20,000 profit all together and not doing anything for the event. This will allow us to make a profit and not lose country jam, which is a major event to our community.

There was a discussion of how we can make up revenue throughout the year. Nikki Lopez the event coordinator mentioned that the profit that we will be receiving is not as big, but believes is a fair amount of profit for the venue instead of walking away with nothing. She would hate to see Country Jam go to a different city. Mrs. Lopez also is confident that Tyrus has a great team behind him and he is fully capable to do the whole event and takes the whole risks himself.

As for the future we can also make changes to prices to the Brickie Bowl as it gets up grades becoming a functional venue and we can have a consistent fee for everyone. Everyone agreed to the new agreement to the Hometown Jams for next year.

Mr. Such asked if we can have a discussion about combining events and parks department. Mrs. Lopez mentioned that she and Mrs. Goodpaster did speak with Mayor and Deb in regards to merging departments, but Mayor wants to wait to make any changes till after the new year. It only makes sense to merge together and it will make everything run smoother; however, right now is not the perfect time. Part of Mrs. Lopez job also requires office work that involves city hall and Mayor would also need time to replace that spot.

Plan Commission Report: Nothing to report under plan commission

Common Council Report: Mr. Huddlestun mentioned that we are still dealing with the mall issue. They are in the middle of the budget process; the public hearing for the budget is September 23rd. They have sent down their wish list to the state and hope they approve it. Mr. Huddlestun mentioned that due to the mall situation, we are in a pay raise freeze. However, there is some ARP money that Mayor has planned to help pay employees.

School Board Report: Nothing to report under school board

Old Business: Nothing under old business

New Business: Destination Playground Review: We have talked about the destination playground at the pool property. We are finally at the design face of it, Mrs. Goodpaster noted that what the board members received and what the design board is showing is not the final design. We are still working on it and making some changes. The thought process to this playground is to make it accessible to all ages and handicap kids. Mrs. Goodpaster explained the design to the board and also mentioned that we are changing the colors to the design as well.

There was a discussion about a donation of a plane to Veterans Park. Mrs. Goodpaster explained that she received a phone call about the plane. Mrs. Goodpaster thinks the idea of a plane at Veterans Park is great. However, being that it is super old, she believes is fragile and anything can happen if the plane moves. Once we get the plane to the park, the guys are not

equipped to work on a plane. Also, we do rent the Veterans Park shelters and soccer field all summer long and for liability reasons it is not wise to keep a plane where it can be available to the public. The board members agreed in getting more information about the plane and maybe revisit the thought of the donation.

Announcements: Mrs. Goodpaster stated that she had the pool spread sheets for board members to view. She mentioned that we did very well this year but we did have more closed days weather wise, but we still pulled through and did well.

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

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