

Monday, January 22, 2024 meeting minutes

The Connersville Parks and Recreation board met in the council chambers of City Hall on Monday, January 22, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

President Amy Hammons presided with Vice President Angie McMullen, and board members, Ann Kirschner, Julie Fisher, Vane Lashua and Sasha Henderson . Park Superintendent Marla Steele, Park Assistant Superintendent Grace Williams, and Park Secretary Kelly Moffett were also present.

Vice President Angie McMullen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Kelly Moffett completed the roll call.

President Amy Hammons presented December 26, 2023 minutes for additions or corrections. Board member, Ann Kirschner made a motion to approve the December 26, 2023 minutes. Vice President Angie McMullen seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Park Superintendent Marla Steele begins her monthly report with a report that we are currently taking applications for lifeguards, pool managers, and pool concession workers. We currently have 8 lifeguards, 3 pool managers, and several concession workers who have applied. We are going to be setting up a lifeguard certification class. Class is typically held at the high school and we will be scheduling after February.

Work is continuing on Longwood Bridge. The footers have been poured, progress is being made on the inside of the bridge. They have been preparing the floor. HWC is preparing the packet for construction for Roberts & Offutt's Park. We are currently waiting for the grant writing committee to start meetings and making preparations. We did receive a \$50,000 Lily Endowment grant and are working with the Foundation and HWC. We plan to have community involvement and will be putting together a steering team. Marla has been working with Brad Colter on a policy and procedures agreement for union labor workers.

The park received 2 new Dodge Ram 2500 trucks, one has a salt box and a snow plow. Kyle will be taking care of the pool again this year. He will be doing an aquatic operator class in March. Logan will be participating in a kids' camp summit conference in February.

The park will partner with the Elders Luncheon on May 16<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to volunteer to serve please contact the parks department for info.

The Assistant Superintendent report was given by Grace. She started January 4<sup>th</sup>. She has viewed all the properties and toured all the facilities. She completed a class online

for lifeguard management certification. The certificate is valid for 2 years. She has also been training in the office with Marla, Wende and Kelly. She has learned about the EZ Facility program. The Living Well, Aging Well program will be getting started in February. We will be offering Pickleball, Shuffleboard, Cards, and Conversation, and will be doing a class with Stephanie from the extension office about plant-based diets.

Grace has also been organizing the Horse Barns. She will be getting numbers to mark each stall and name plaques. She has spoken with Amanda Combs about Spartan work day, it is expected to be in May. She has also been looking for grants and funding.

Logan's sports report was given by Marla. Soccer registration is going on now until March 1. The boy's league has been going well on Saturdays, the men's league on Sunday nights and the Men's church league on Monday nights. Logan is continuing to secure sports sponsors.

No Old Business.

New Business:

Welcome Sasha to the Board. Marla explained the new informational packet to the board. This packet can be used to show prospective sponsors to explain everything that goes on at the park. She also explained how to use our new app.

Marla discussed upcoming park board meeting dates that needed to be changed. March 25, 2024, is during spring break, this meeting will be changed to March 18, 2024, at 6:00 pm. The other meeting dates will stay the same at this time.

The dugout at the Little League Park blew off during a recent storm and Marla is working with insurance to see about filing a claim.

Miscellaneous Business:

Dave Caldwell with the Fayette County Soil and Water Conservation Department came to discuss the John Conner nature preserve. The nature preserve is loaded with evasive plants. In 2019, they organized a weed wrangle. In 2020, they cleared a small area to see what would happen, it was bare ground. In 2021, they expanded and had educational events. In 2022 they secured a Clean Water Indiana grant and mowed out two and a half acres. In 2023, it was closed. They used \$2200 of the grant to do work in John Conner. In 2024, they applied for a grant from Whitewater Valley REMC, they need to replant native plant seeds, and it will need to be replanted before spring if they get the grant. He is asking for permission to do some spraying. Their main goal will be education, and are also requesting a sign that people can see on Road 121. He also suggested drawing attention to the "Grand Re-Opening" of the park. Brad and Marla are working on when to reopen the park.

Angie McMullen made a motion to approve claims including payroll. Ann seconded.  
Motion carried.

Vane Lashua entertained a motion to adjourn and Angie seconded it. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Scribed by: Kelly Moffett

January 22, 2023

Park Board Meeting approved minutes

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