

Monday, May 28, 2024 meeting minutes

The Connersville Parks and Recreation board met in the council chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

President Amy Hammons presided with board members, Sasha Henderson, Ann Kirschner and Julie Fisher present. Park Superintendent Marla Steele, Park Assistant Superintendent Grace Williams, Sports Director Logan Neukam, and Park Secretary Kelly Moffett were also present.

President Amy Hammons led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Kelly Moffett completed the roll call.

There were no additions or corrections to the April minutes. Board member Ann Kirschner made a motion to accept April's minutes, and board member Julie Fisher seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Park Superintendent Marla Steele begins her monthly report with an update on getting things ready for summer. All the positions for the summer crew have been filled. We currently have 16 lifeguards. Summer Discovery began today, we are still accepting registrations all summer. Swim lesson registrations are still open as well. We will be having 2 sessions one in June and one in July. We will be having lap swimming at the pool on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from 8 am to 10:45 am, the cost is \$2.00. We will be starting our Living Well Aging Well open swimming on Tuesdays from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm throughout the summer, there is no cost, it is being underwritten by Reid Health. Season pool passes are still available and can be purchased in the Park Office.

The Reid Health grant that we were awarded won't need to be reapplied for every year, but they will re-evaluate yearly. The funding will support Living Well Aging Well, Summer Discovery, youth sports, and community events. We will be using some of the funding to install an ADA single-use restroom at the Miller Building. Reid Health also donated a "Higi" machine to the Park, it is located in the Miller Building. This machine checks vital signs and helps track other health statistics. It should be up and running on Friday.

The Bridge has been completed. We are now getting quotes for soda blasting, then it will have to be sprayed with fire retardant. The fire retardant spray was donated by the Indiana Historical Bridge Society. We are still looking for someone who is certified to administer the spray. We are also currently getting quotes for painting.

Spartan Work Day took place on May 1st. They helped out by spreading mulch at Offutts and Roberts Park. They also cleaned up on the Nickel Plate Trail and helped clean up the pool house.

We had volunteers participate in “yarn bombing” at Roberts Park. They made some tree socks and placed them on some of the trees around the park.

We will be partnering with Whitewater Valley Adult Education to host a job fair on June 6th. It will be open to the public from 2pm-6pm in the gym at the Miller Building.

June 20th 6:30 pm-9:30 pm the Park will be partnering with Communities that Care to host a “Movie Dive In” at the pool. It is free to the community.

Levi Marszalek is completing his Eagle Scout project with Roberts Park. He will be creating stops around the park. Each stop will have a sign with a different workout posted. There will be a QR code with him demonstrating the workout. This project will be sponsored by Mac Machine and Christie Family Dentistry. Mac Machine will be helping him make the frames for the signs this summer.

The Assistant Superintendents report was given by Grace, she has been scheduling the lifeguards and concession workers for the pool. The cleaning day for the pool workers was held on May 18th, the training day was held on May 21st, and Opening Day was on May 25th. We will be taking a break from events scheduled indoors for Living Well Aging Well for the summer, but have added some open swim times, and a movie night. We will plan to start back up around August 12th with more scheduled activities. We also have been working on memorial trees, we have all of them planted for this season and will order the next ones waiting to be ordered in the fall.

Logan gave his Athletic Director report. Soccer season went very well, we had good coaches, parents, and refs. Board member Ann Kirschner brought up the parking issue at the soccer fields, and it is sometimes hard for people to walk. Baseball opening day went very well. Vicki Beatty MC'd and Amanda Faulk helped with the parade route. The Parks Dept crew has been doing a good job keeping the fields looking good. Church league softball will start the first week of June on Monday and Thursday nights. Some future goals are to host some sports days for the Summer Discovery program.

Old Business: No old business

New Business: The Fayette Community Foundation Grant received approval from the Board of Works to apply. If the grant is approved we would like to remodel the playground restrooms at Roberts Park.

Miscellaneous Business: No miscellaneous business.

No public forum.

Julie Fisher made a motion to approve claims including payroll. Ann Kirschner seconded. Motion carried.

Sasha Henderson entertained a motion to adjourn and Julie Fisher seconded it. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Scribed by: Kelly Moffett

June 5, 2024

Park Board Meeting approved minutes

Date: _____

Amy Hammons, President

Angie McMullen, Vice President

Vane Lashua, Board Member

Julie Fisher, Board Member

Ann Kirschner, Board Member

Sasha Henderson Board Member