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## **Muncie Park & Recreation Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, June 21, 2022**  
**City Hall Auditorium**

- (1) Call to Order
- (2) Pledge of Allegiance
- (3) Roll Call
- (4) Approval of the minutes from (May 2022 Park Board Meeting)
- (5) Parks Programming – George Foley Jr
- (6) Prairie Creek Report – Dustin Clark & Ashley Wright
- (7) Old Business – None
- (8) New Business – Non-Reverting Fund – Tuhey Pool

Park Vandalism

Lafferty Field Baseball Update – Richard Ivy

- (9) Action Items
- (10) Public Input – (3) minutes limit – Please state your name and address

- Remember to please call the Park Office or the Park Board President (Brad Marshall) if you have an item that needs to be placed on the agenda.

**\* Next Park Board Meeting – Tuesday, July 19, 2022 (6:00 p.m.) - City Hall Auditorium**

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**June 21, 2022 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, James Lutton and Chandra Parks.
- 4. APPROVAL OF MAY 17<sup>TH</sup> BOARD MINUTES-** Vote was taken by all Board members present. Motion carries. Motion approved by all members present.
- 5. PARK PROGRAMMING – George Foley, Programs Director**

**Youth Employment Program** – We are in week four of the program and everything is going pretty well. We have 110 kids working in the programming. All but five are receiving direct deposit through Thrive Credit Union. We had a few issues last year with direct deposits with a different bank we were working with but this year everything is going great. All their money is going to their account on time which cuts down on parents and the workers calling saying they aren't getting paid. The ten facilities they are working at have been calling to say how hard the kids are working and they love having them there. Some of our kids are matched with Teen Works which is a similar program and they are collaborating and working together to be productive at those joint sites. We have two more weeks and plan to have a nice celebration with the kids. This year we wanted to invite executive directors of the organizations and the parents so they can know all of what the kids have done. We hired Hayden Goldsworthy to go around to the sites and video the kids working. When he is done editing it we would like to share it with the Parks Board and City Council so they can know what the program is doing and how important it is to have this in our community.

**Basketball Camp** –Basketball Camp is currently going on. We have about 45 kids coming to Heekin Park two days a week for the entire month. The kids are learning the skills of basketball. We have some kids that never really played but you can see in this

being week three they are getting better with dribbling and shooting and we're excited about that.

**Flag Football** is today and I'm missing that right now. It's going pretty well. That's at Ball Corp Park and we have about 100 kids participating.

**Baseball All-Star Game** will be held on July 17, 2022 at the new Cal Ripken Field starting at 4 pm. We invited eight Muncie and Delaware County Baseball Schools to come out. We asked them to pick five players from each of their teams and we will have a game there. We will charge admission, have concessions, and that will be a good way for those kids to play on the new field.

Shannon inquired about the time of the game and George replied it starts at 4 pm. She then inquired if there would be a cost and George stated it would be \$5.00 for admission. Shannon told George to let her know if they need any workers and George stated they will need help with concessions and things like that, so if anyone would like to help out we would love it.

Shannon inquired about the mentor/work program and the 110 kids and if for the celebration he was planning on bringing them over to Tuhey Pool and George stated that would be a great idea since a lot of them are coming over for Family Day hosted by Juvenile Detention.

Brad inquired if anyone else had questions for George, which no one did.

## **6. PRAIRIE CREEK REPORT – Ashley Wright & Dustin Clark**

Dustin stated it has been a great few weeks and they had a good holiday weekend. Monday was a terrific turnout as we had about 100 boats out before noon and it was a very full day.

Ashley said they are keeping maintenance up in the park as they have great employees and are on top of the mowing and the park is looking good. We are currently in the process of fixing the steps at the beach and those are all going to be new. It desperately needed to be done and will be done by Ron Bonham Days. Our Teen Works kids have been staining the cabins so those look really nice. We're giving those a facelift on the outside since we revamped the inside last year. We also got the stuff together to do the rest of the signs. She called Menards today as they were supposed to deliver two weeks ago but their truck broke down so the rest of the block is to be delivered Thursday to do some other signs. We already have the mulch and top soil to put inside the ones we have already done. Dustin said all of the major signs will have perennials and pollinators in them. The small signs will be two blocks tall and will have mostly annuals.



Other than that, there's just the normal day to day stuff and dealing with the electrical issues. Even at the campground, the daily troubles with those but nothing out of the ordinary. It's just outdated. We try to get to the work orders as quickly as we can, usually within a day or two. Within one business day we usually have them dealt with, so as long as they call and make a work order or at least stop by the office and let us know they are having some issues.

Dustin stated there will be an expansion of four fingers on the ADA dock. It had a semi-permanent hard compact ground going out to the ADA dock (the existing six) and this week we started on a concrete ADA compliant ramp going to the ADA docks which we're excited about. We've processed some paperwork and Ashley has done an amazing job of investigating for us to get three new vehicles. Ashley stated there are two SUV's and one truck, all of which are used but in pretty good shape. Both are Interceptors from a police department, a 2016 and a 2015. One of the SUV's will be used for security, Dustin will take one and his current pickup truck will go to the labor staff. The guys can use the large pick up bed. Prairie Creek hasn't bought any new trucks in a long time. The blue truck was bought for them by the Parks Department. They will be keeping the Suburban as it has the plow on it. We are swapping out the van which she doesn't even know how old it is. Some vehicles are 91's, 94's and the S10 is pretty old. So, we are swapping out early 90's vehicles. Some of them are no longer road safe to go back into town so we just use them on the property. The two security ones are from an airport.

Shannon inquired if they were in the budget and they stated yes. She then inquired if they were planned for and they stated yes. Dustin stated they will spend roughly \$36,500 for the three vehicles. Ashley said they paid \$12,500 each for the SUV's and \$12,900 for the other.

Shannon inquired if there was a long-term plan for the electrical issue and if a decision had been made. During the last meeting you mentioned a grant you were looking into for expanding the electrical grid. Dustin clarified that it wasn't a grant, that they were looking into alternative funding sources. We have a meeting this Thursday with the Mayor's office to discuss some other options. The intent is to take grants he has received, a little shy of \$1 million in grants dedicated to Prairie Creek development, and those funds will go into one of two places. The floating piers which has a threefold return on investment, we reduce the man hours of putting them in and out over the six months, which can possibly be decreased to a month or two, saving on labor and material costs as we spend a lot on repairs for lumber, bolts, etc. They are getting ready to spend another \$5,000 on cross posts and walk boards, and those are used prices. So that will be a savings and obviously because they are newer and nicer we will be able to generate more income. And then the same thing with the South Shore project. It is designed to be an income generator. That income is intended to help the park. The more

we raise money without having to sacrifice something else, the more we can put into fixing up the infrastructure we have, including electric. Shannon asked if there was anything specifically focused on the electric. Dustin replied everything that comes in goes to those pots. Electric is one of their major expenses and fixing that up increases camper happiness, lowers our utility bills and lowers the time we spend on work orders as we spend quite a few man hours just replacing breakers and all kinds of stuff. So, the goal is to focus on the major bleeding problems with the new revenue. Shannon asked if there was a plan to expand the grid so campers have more ampage. Dustin replied the new North Shore campground would match South Shore which is 50 amp service. Shannon asked to verify it is currently 30 amp service and Dustin stated that was correct. He believes some of the expansions were done in the late 70's and Ashley interjected she believed it was in the 90's when they first put it in but when they did they put it in for tents and house plugs, so it was already underbuilt as it wasn't really built for campers to begin with. They (AEP) have tried to beef it up with a piece here and there all these years and that's where we ended up where we are now. No fault of anyone in this room but that's just where we're at. Shannon inquired how long they believe it will take to convert so all the camp sites at North Shore will have 50 amp service. Dustin responded that it depends on how much revenue is generated and how quickly it is generated to pay for a project of that scope. It would also depend on if you want death by 1000 cuts or if you want to take a big whack out of it at one time. So, you could do a phase approach, a single line approach, everything on one particular road, do a complete wipe the slate clean and put in all new water and electric. You wouldn't know any of that until you got to the design & build phase of the project. Shannon asked if that was going to occur and those discussions will happen. Dustin responded that is their goal as they want to fix it. So, yes and Shannon responded ok. Dustin asked what Shannon wanted to know and he would answer that. Shannon stated she just wanted to know what the plan is, a concrete plan. Dustin said it is to generate revenue without cutting anything, we can't cut anymore. We're as far down as we can go. The guys have no tools. They have no equipment so we have to find ways to generate new revenue and that comes from fixing up South Shore and putting in docks. Once we have that we can see where we are with the design and build phase to go to North Shore. Ashley interjected with the budget they have now, they could never be plans to fix anything because there's just no money to fix it. So, we need to find ways to increase the money that is coming in. Just like the grants he has gotten so far, \$1 million isn't going to be enough to do the entire campground. Dustin stated the one million isn't enough to do South Shore which is forty sites. North Shore is about two hundred sites so that's not something we can tackle until we get closer to the phase when we can say is this a phased approach, one street at a time or is this clean slate. Let's knock everything down, build proper roads, proper drainage, proper everything. Ashley interjected she believed it would be irresponsible for them to say what they are going to do until they have the funds to do it. She doesn't want to give folks false hope it will happen next year when the

planning to go through the State Board of Health can take a year at least but it's on their radar. She gets those weekend calls of people's electric not working and it's not easy for her. They understand the struggle so it's definitely on their radar, the money just isn't there yet. Shannon asked if they were communicating that to the campers and Dustin stated they have discussed it at past meetings and can discuss it again. We would be happy to have another meeting at some point in time to discuss where we are and where we hope to go. Ashley stated she thinks the best place for seasonal campers to be informed is here at the Parks Board meetings. This is a place for them to ask the Board and Prairie Creek Staff questions in a public forum. She understands having meetings outside in the campground but that's never happened prior to us.

Dustin inquired if there were any additional comments, questions or concerns that they could answer, if this is the time to ask questions, what else can we give you guys that you are looking for. Shannon stated she would like to have some sort of a timeline. Brad interjected the issue is the money and the other is the power at the campground wasn't even on the radar in our Five Year Plan. So, if we're looking at our Five Year Plan and what our goals were for the Parks Department, it wasn't even identified or put on that radar. So, he wouldn't anticipate this is a two, three or even a five year solution. Dustin stated they could sit down and meet but this would be a deep discussion of where we're at, what are our projections, what are our current revenue status, what are our current expenses, how would we see things with fuel prices going through the roof. When fuel prices go through the roof the price of plastic goes up. The price for docks just went up and so our margin of profit just went down. How do we project that out? That's a very in depth discussion and he would be hesitant to try to lock down a date unless he had something to give them that said they are halfway there with the money, let's start the preliminary plan. We started South Shore in February 2020, so that development process has taken that long with Structure Point, Flat Land, the city engineer, and past engineer. So, if that is a two year process we can use that as a rule of thumb but who knows where things will be in twenty four months. If grants continue to roll in and I am able to coerce money out of people, we might be able to get another half a million dollars somewhere to do something and we just saved ourselves a years' worth of waiting. If we choose to do a blank X percent increase on rental sites, shelters, or something, then we've sped up the process. If we choose to say look, the campers are our top priority, the dock holders are our top priority and we want to keep costs as low for them as possible. Then we are clearly going to extend out the long-term fix to make it softer now. Those are very complicated questions and I don't want to give any date and say we are going to do this in 2023 or 2024. Ashley interjected there's never a good answer for everyone. Some people say they will pay \$1,800 and get a bond to fix it and we'll pay that. Other people are like no, just raise us \$100 and we'll just deal with it. So, no matter what you do you're making someone upset. She stated with the way the economy is going, it worries her a little bit as a park, because the first things that go are people's campers



and boats. Those are the first things to go when gas prices go up. That worries her with their income. The last two years have been good but we want to be conservative when it comes to their money because they just don't know what the next year or two will bring until prices come down. Dustin stated Ashley raised a very good point. We generated pretty good revenue the past two years, people were shut in and needed a place to go outside but be away from people. But fuel prices were low, a lot of other activities were shut down, so their choices were limited and people got use to coming out in parks. All indications show from the economists the city has been talking to, we are leaning to lower property tax revenue, we are leaning to revenue likelihood. Which to her point, we may drop down because people may not be spending their money out there. There are a lot of moving pieces to make that determination and I don't have enough pieces to give you a date.

Chandra inquired if Prairie Creek has a newsletter for the residents. Dustin stated they use Facebook a lot but that's about it. Chandra stated she understands they can't do a timeline but wondered if maybe since they already have a thing with communication if they could say these things, piece by piece, maybe once a month in a newsletter just so they could have that awareness. Ashley stated she's not against that but she has been extremely busy and there's just one of her. She stated she always compares it to Tuhey, she knows that she is busy too but they have a couple of managers running Tuhey. Ashley stated she runs the beach, the campground, two offices, so she's split so many different ways it's hard for her to catch up. In the summer it's hard. In the winter or start getting into August or September it's much easier. But right now, in the thick of it, once the dock lottery and all that happens, from then until about August, it's rough for her. Chandra asked if maybe a camper volunteer or someone could help. Ashley said they have set up their group. Dustin interjected they have received emails from Jackie, they've got their group formed, they've got their officers, they've had meetings, they've copied us on some stuff and we've reached back out saying we would love to set up a time to talk with them. We would be willing for that but also keep in mind Prairie Creek is kind of a unique facet. We have four full time employees including Ashley, so our resources are extremely thin for two thousand plus acre management. Shannon suggested maybe Jackie could meet with Ashley maybe once a month for fifteen minutes and she can write the newsletter just to get that communication out that people so desperately want. Brad interjected it goes back to this meeting is an open public forum. This meeting is videoed and put on Facebook. The minutes are published on the city page. There's lots of means if people want information it's out there and he would hate to burden Ashley with additional work that's redundant to what's already being done and published. Shannon interjected that they don't know what their specific questions or concerns are. Ashley asked what prevents them from calling the office and asking her. Brad stated this meeting is a great place to bring questions. The office is open during normal hours. Shannon replied okay and Chandra stated she understood that. She was

just thinking it would be good to kind of build that trust again because obviously they are doing the best they can with what they have. Some people don't think about that when they're not on the other side of things, so it's just to build that trust again but she understands.

Ashley went into the events and started with the Ron Bonham Days Friday event and the alcohol sales. She had more details about their parameters for that. Victoria Brewer is going to be the distributor. They will only sell beer, wines and seltzers. They are only going to sell from 6 – 10 pm. The concert will be until 11 but they will stop serving an hour early. She will be over by Beach 1 Shelter which is kind of off to the side. They plan on having four off duty police officers in addition to our security. They have their own insurance. Victoria has insurance and they also have their event insurance. Ashley asked if the Board had any additional questions. Brad stated he reached out to Victoria as well and asked some questions to get a feel for her vision of the event and how it would go and was comfortable with everything she provided. It's not a new process for her and she is probably a good resource. Brad clarified this is for Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup> and Ashley confirmed.

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

**Friends of Prairie Creek** has a few events they would like approval on and invited Jackie Sciscoe and Dortha Meadows up to present each request.

*Movie Night* – looking at July 16<sup>th</sup> on the east side of the shelter so it wouldn't interfere with anyone's campsite. Rated G movie, just something really simple. Children would have to be accompanied by adults.

*Community Cornhole* – looking at July 23<sup>rd</sup> which would be the following Saturday. It's not a tournament. There's no money involved. Just something to involve the campers at the campground and anyone out there. We just think having some activities out there to help get people involved and then maybe eventually it will help draw some people out there. We noticed Memorial Day weekend it wasn't full, the weekend spots weren't full, so we thought maybe this would be a draw to the campground to have some activities going on. That maybe the public could start hearing about activities that are happening once a month and want to come out.

Shannon inquired if there would be or if there needed to be security at the cornhole tournament. Jackie responded that it's not really a tournament. They were just going to set them up for friendly games. I guess we put on the form since park security is always there we didn't know if it would require additional security. James interjected there's



cornhole going on there all the time and that's not a get out of control sport. Jackie stated they thought about the area out by the flag pole because it's flat. We could put up like six sets and people can come up. There's space to park golf carts, room for people to walk up. It's kind of away from the park so it can be an adult activity and won't interfere with anything else going on in the park.

Chandra inquired if people would bring in their own refreshments, drinks and snacks or something they would potluck in. Dortha stated they are not furnishing anything, it will be a bring whatever you want. Chandra stated she was just thinking about trash and clean up. Dortha said it's something they would like to have every month, certain weekends, so people know what's going on so they can look forward to it.

Brad inquired if they had a time frame and they responded for cornhole they were thinking 6 – 9 pm and the movie obviously would be later like 9:30'ish about when it gets dark. That should last about an hour forty five or two hours. Mark stated he really likes that they are doing these activities and that they were doing family friendly stuff. It's good for the whole area and he applauds whoever is putting that together. They responded they appreciate that. Chandra asked if they were going to put the events on the Prairie Creek Facebook page and Jackie said they were going to make flyers and hang them around the campground. Chandra inquired if people outside of the campground could join in. They were thinking for the first one to just put it at the campground and see how it goes. Give it a try, see how many people show up. They don't want to go too big right away. Brad interjected with an event like this it is appropriate that we count on our park security team for this and not require additional security. As we review all the rules and event policies that may be something we need to review to determine a threshold of how many anticipated guests, or what type of function requires full hired security. I think what we have for Ron Bonham Days is appropriate and needed but for this he thinks we can carry the burden. Chandra stated she thinks it's a good idea, a good start to something. Brad asked if there were any additional questions or concerns. Dustin stated they support it especially since it is the Friends group doing it. Ashley said it is needed and they just don't have the manpower to do it. Dortha said that's why they stepped up. They want to help them and help make Prairie Creek the place it can be.

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

## **8. OLD BUSINESS**

Brad stated there was no old business listed but he believed they had at least one item which is the LWCF Grant with David from Flat Land

**LWCF Grant Update – David Heilman, FlatLand Resources**, we were hired by the City of Muncie to help put together the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant request for the Tillotson Pond Park and nature area. This is a matching grant of federal funds that run through the state to help build parks. This park would build about .66 miles of trail through the park and connect to the neighborhood on the east side of the park, clear out all of the invasive species both in the woods and the scrub shrub area and would be planting a native prairie there. It would take the pond and actually stock it with fish, it would require some aerator infrastructure to help keep vegetation down and provide good enough quality environment for those fish. It would also install four fishing piers, one of those would be ADA compliant and accessible like what was built out at Prairie Creek. There would be some shelters, parking lot and some other solar powered infrastructure to help power everything. The grant application went in on June 1<sup>st</sup>. We met with the DNR last Thursday, some representatives of FlatLand, the City and Dustin was there as well, just to answer some questions and they wanted to see the site and they were impressed with the project that the Parks Board and the City had put forth. They thought it was a good fit for the program. Obviously, we won't know definitively for a few months whether or not that project will get funded or not. They had just a couple of minor questions and clarifications they wanted us to do. One regarded funding sources. They wanted a note added on the project map to the total size of the park itself in acreage and they wanted some additional meeting minutes forwarded to them. In terms of comments that's pretty low, so all in all he thinks everyone did a great job in getting that out and putting together a solid project. He asked if anyone had any questions about the project itself.

Shannon asked if the fishing piers are seasonal where they would have to be removed. David said no, they are permanent. Shannon then asked about parking. David stated the parking lot is tentatively designed to hold 25 cars and there will be ADA stalls there as well, so it will meet all ADA requirements. This park, the trails will also tie into the industrial trail that the county put in that runs along the western border of the property so there will be quite a few connections this project will tie into. Shannon asked if it was .6 miles and David clarified it is .66 miles of total trails going in.

Brad asked if there were any other questions from the Board. Shannon inquired what was the total. David stated the total price for the project is one million dollars and it is a 50/50 match, so the federal government would be providing half of that, and the rest would be coming from the City.

Brad asked if there were any public questions regarding the Tillotson Park. Dustin interjected from the back of the room that this was a great opportunity and if they get the matching grant would be awesome. While they were doing the site visit there were half a dozen bicyclists, walkers, and a lawnmower were out. The current trails are getting lots of use and that is going to be a place to travel to and a great addition. It is

going to be low impact to the parks as far as labor, a nice pollinator area, a lot of green growth area which is needed. It will be very little mowing that has to be done. Shannon interjected that it fits into the Five Year Master Plan. Brad stated his current understanding is the next step is just sit and wait for State approval which could be this year, late fall, and then Federal response could be next spring. David confirmed that would be at the best timeline.

Mr. Kinman asked if this was contingent on the City Council vote next month on the three and a half million dollar bond. Is TillPark part of that bond? Brad stated he didn't want to speak for them, the MRC and the Mayor in that regard. He knows that is in the bond, but he believes there may be other funding sources available and he doesn't know all of the logistics there. Mr. Kinman stated he believes if it gets struck down again MRC might be willing to put up the funds for the matching which he hopes is the case because this needs to be done over there. He has suggested to City Council to consider naming it after former police officer John Curtis who was very active in the community and lives in that area. Brad stated during the development process the name has been Tillpond but the Board has not had any vote or discussion on the naming. He doesn't know what that procedure is, if the Mayor gets to name it or if the Board gets to name it or if we ask the public but that certainly hasn't been determined yet. Dustin stated Tillpond is the placeholder name, but as possible donors come forward that can impact the name. Brad stated we will see more discussion regarding the site as a whole as we move through the fall and into the spring.

David added as a point of clarification this project is a three to four year timeline from now until potential completion. This isn't going to happen next year, it's going to be awhile before it's done, so there is time to work through a lot of these details. Brad asked if there were any other questions for David while he was here. There were none so Brad thanked him for coming out and giving the update.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

**Non-reverting Fund for Tuhey Pool** – Brad stated this was the only new business agenda item but after some investigation we discovered that isn't an option for us, so we are still looking into funding and continued revenue stream for Tuhey Pool.

The next new business item is park vandalism.

### **Park Vandalism – George Foley**

We've been having a lot of vandalism going on at many of the parks. Primarily Cooley and Heekin parks and some at Morningside and even Ball Corp. It can get quite serious. As far as Cooley Park, the bathrooms have been vandalized, they've been tearing up plumbing for the restrooms, tearing down the holders for the paper towels. We met, me,



the Deputy Mayor, Nikki, met with two members of the Southside Neighborhood Association about locking the bathrooms at Cooley at 9 o'clock. They both agreed. One of the gentlemen is here today who we talked to, and we all agreed that we would like the bathrooms at 9 o'clock until we can figure out a solution.

While I am touching on that, I have been in contact with Xfinity and what's taking time with the security cameras is they are doing a survey of the areas of where they are putting the cameras in. Since there is no wi-fi or actual buildings to be structured, so they have to be put up at shelters and things like that. Tuhey will be the first one because they already have wi-fi and a structured building. That should be up in a couple of weeks and we're staying in contact with them because the security cameras will help us figure out some of the vandalism. To give another example, Sunday we had an electric meter at Heekin stolen. It was pulled out and it turned off all of the power to the cabins. We had to call out AEP to reinstall the electric meter. We had to call the fire department to come put the cover on because it was still live and if kids touched it, they would get hurt. And we had to file a police report. So that's been a concern. He and Carl have talked to Chief Sloane and we're trying to come up with a solution but it's going on a lot. We had a fight at Thomas Park during a high school baseball game and those players and their parents had to be locked inside. It was just a big fight that broke out all of a sudden in the parking lot at Thomas Park. At our shelter at Ball Corp while trying to set up for Flag Football we had a couple in a vehicle parked by the concession stand with an air bed, we had to kindly ask to leave for the safety of the children. Our biggest concern is the safety of the youth because they are using the parks more. There are a lot of people who are homeless, and we're sensitive to that and hope there is something coming to help place them in homes. We do have a lot of vandalism at the parks, and we just wanted to address that to the Board.

Shannon inquired if they have security for baseball and George stated they don't. They did ask Chief Sloane and understand he is having difficulty with hiring cops, if they could ride by the parks and gave them a schedule for when we have games, programming and events. We were hoping that by having more activities in the parks it would keep some of that away but lately it hasn't kept anyone away from spray painting, on playground equipment or anything like that. Nikki interjected about the busting out of windows and George stated they have busted out windows of concession stands, cabin doors broken out at Heekin Park that we had to replace and this affects our budget having to replace those things.

Shannon inquired if the Southside Neighborhood Association has thought of forming a Neighborhood Watch. George said yes and that he and Carl would be meeting with them on the 28<sup>th</sup> to talk about more details. Carl's plan is to meet with more of the neighborhood associations to figure out a solution to calm this down a little bit. There's

a lot of investments going into our parks and we want to keep them looking nice and not tore up as soon as we put something new in.

Brad inquired if they'd started the new hours at the bathroom at Cooley yet or if that would start this week and George responded it would start this week. They met with them Friday, so we will start that this week. We're already closing Heekin Park at 9 o'clock so that person would just go from Heekin to Cooley to lock up. Shannon inquired if there was any problem with the splash pad at Cooley. George responded there had been some issues with the splash pad but he believed it had been resolved with Dustin and Rob Barker with the timer. They both worked together and got it working for the splash pads at Tuhey, Cooley Park and Halteman. He wanted to state that if there is no activity at the splash pad, they just have to push to restart it. So, when you don't see it running all the time it doesn't mean that it's not on, just have to press the button. We have posted that on our Facebook page and on the City of Muncie page to make the people of Muncie aware of that. Shannon wondered if they should have some signage made for each site that just says press here to start and George said that would be a good idea.

George asked if there were any other questions for him. Brad said just for clarification on the record, Heekin and Cooley are the only bathrooms being closed and 9 p.m. right now. George confirmed that is because those are the only two bathrooms they are having issues with right now. Brad asked for the other parks the bathrooms are essentially open all day and George said yes, like McCulloch is open pretty much as we haven't had any issues there or the other public bathrooms. Shannon inquired what time the parks close and George replied 11 p.m. Brad asked if there were any other questions for George about park vandalism or any other items. Shannon thanked George for staying on top of all of this. Brad said before he got to far since Lafferty Field is next and Deputy Mayor Richard Ivy is listed, did he have any general updates. George stated from what he knows there is a ceremony that's supposed to go on next week. We have to change some of the signage tomorrow. Our staff will do that. We are coming up with a Facility Request Form for that park. We would like to generate revenue from that park, we were talking to the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor, and we would like some of the high schools to take advantage of it, like Burris and Muncie Central to use the facility. We know once we open it, everybody wants to use it and that's why we're creating the facility use form. Just so we have everything on the calendar and everything is organized. We are creating signage for the field because you're not allowed to have metal cleats, sunflower seeds, tobacco or anything like that on the artificial turf. We're working with a sign company right now to have those put up on the outside of the gates and at the dugouts. Brad said he drove by there the other day and it is looking really good. Mark concurred. Shannon stated the video with the aerial shot was cool. George stated it will be a plus for the parks. Shannon inquired when will the ceremony be and George stated he wasn't sure of the exact date or time, but Deputy Mayor Ivy said it might be next week, but he hasn't

pinpointed it yet, so he wasn't sure who all was coming or who all will be involved but as soon as we find out we will be sending an email to the Board to possibly come out for that.

Brad asked if George had any event approvals and George stated he didn't. Before he left the podium George gave out the temporary phone number for the Parks Office which is 747-4772 as they are still awaiting AT&T fixing the phone lines.

## **9. ACTION ITEMS**

Brad asked if there were any action items that needed to be approved. Shannon requested approval for Tuhey Pool to stay open two hours later on Saturday, July 1st to 9 p.m. It would be for the Fourth of July weekend, just to make it fun for families to stay out a little bit later. We close now at 7 p.m. so we're just wanting to stay open an extra two hours. Brad inquired if that would be Friday, or the entire weekend and Shannon stated it would just be for Saturday. Nikki interjected that would be the 2<sup>nd</sup> and Shannon confirmed. Shannon stated they would like to hire a DJ from 7 – 9 p.m. and they would play clean music. It would just be to celebrate the Fourth of July and to do something different. Brad inquired if entry rates would be the same during that time period and Shannon confirmed they would be. They typically do half price at 5 p.m. but since it's a special day it would be full price the entire time. James asked if there would be any staffing issue with lifeguards or anything and Shannon replied there wasn't any issue. Mark inquired about capacity and if we are approaching it. Shannon said capacity is 1,265 and we have had that and surpassed that in terms of total day capacity but nowhere near that at one time.

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

**Vote was taken by all Board members present with Shannon abstaining from the vote. Motion carries. Motion approved by all members present.**

Brad asked if there were any action items that needed to come before the Board and there were none.

There were a few names on the Public Input list and Brad asked for them to be called.

## **10. PUBLIC INPUT – Please limit time to 3 minutes.**

**Mark Kinman – Southside Neighborhood Association** and he stated in regards to the Parks situation, they have been talking to people in the neighborhood to help them watch Cooley Park and Splash Pad. We think one of the big things that will help us will be the cameras, if and when they ever get installed. We would like to have the lights



stay on at nighttime as we think that would help discourage some of it. The lights stay on at some of the other parks all night and our park lights get shut off. He stated he met with Nikki, George and Ivy and our President Courtney Marsh on Friday and we talked about the bathroom situation. We had pictures of the toilets tore up and we understand that. They asked us about shutting them down at 9 o'clock and we had no objections whatsoever. What was said was the toilets would be unlocked at 8 a.m. and closed at 9 p.m., when I left that meeting I drove over and of course the one bathroom has to be locked until the toilet is repaired because it can't be used so I went into the other toilet and lo and behold someone had torn the soap dispenser off the wall, toilet seat was torn off the toilet, the plumbing under the sink was messed up and was running onto the floor instead of going down the pipe and of course the paper towels and toilet paper were thrown everywhere. So that morning I loaded my truck up with rubber gloves, trash bags and my tools and got there about ten minutes to nine and waited but nobody ever showed up to unlock the bathroom. This was on Saturday morning. He went back at 10:30 a.m. and it was still locked. He had planned to go in and clean the bathroom up and try to put the toilet seat back on so the ladies could sit down and try to see what needed to be done to have the water go down the drain instead of on the floor but he couldn't get in. He doesn't have a problem going down and trying to help with those things. He inquired if it would be possible to get the metal toilets from the county jail that closed down because putting ceramic toilets in you encounter issues where they can bring in a bring and bust it or destroy the pipes like they did. With the metal toilets you don't have to buy a seat for them, they can't be broken and he discussed it with a friend who is a metal fabricator about putting a cage in that only leaves access to the flush handle. We can put a cage under the sink so they can't mess with the plumbing. There are ways to avoid this stuff, but we have to be able to fix it. They are willing as a neighborhood association to help. They had their Board Meeting last night and went through twenty eight items on our list and we are willing to try to get this Cooley Parks situation figured out. If it means we need to buy two metal toilets to put in there, so be it. We can get this taken care of. They are willing and ready to work with the Parks Department to get the situation taken care of. They were never talked to about what type of toilets were going in there because they would have declined porcelain toilets because it's going to be a waste of money. According to George they have spent over six hundred dollars to repair those already and if we'd had metal toilets in there we wouldn't be repairing them and replacing toilet seats. When he tried to volunteer his time to fix the bathroom so they could be used he couldn't get in. Shannon interjected the Parks employees don't typically work on the weekends. Mark asked if that meant the bathrooms would never be open on the weekends. Nikki interjected they don't know who locked it because the employee who cleans the bathrooms stated they were locked when she went on Friday, and she couldn't get in and she didn't even lock it so we need to figure out who locked it. Shannon and Brad stated it sounds like the bathrooms were

vandalized earlier that day and it was locked for that reason. Brad stated without Carl being there we don't know the details of it being locked.

Shannon inquired if they had priced out the cost of a metal toilet and he stated they hadn't but could do that if that's what's needed. He stated we have a county jail over here sitting empty, let's take some out of there. Brad said he believes when they redid the bathrooms part of the process was to make the parks look better and not look like a jail cell. George interjected the metal toilets at the jail aren't ADA compliant and that Chris Meadows who installed the plumbing at Cooley was part of the meeting on Friday and he stated part of the issue was there isn't enough space in the walls for the metal toilets or to work which is why David Jackson wouldn't do the work on the facility. We will have to go out and measure everything to see what we can put in.

Brad thanked Mark and the Southside Neighborhood Association for the work they have done already, and this is a great partnership. Mark stated if they needed to pay for signage they will as it is on their list and they will be getting some ARP funds and will help if they need to.

### **Friends of Prairie Creek group – Jackie Sciscoe and Dortha Meadows**

We met again on June 11<sup>th</sup> and wanted to share the information from our meeting.

Our number one interest is to help the City of Muncie improve Prairie Creek. Prairie Creek is an asset to the City of Muncie and the community, and we want to ensure it is well maintained and managed in a fair and transparent manner. They had twenty two people at their last meeting and we voted for an executive committee and also reviewed some bylaws which we will be going over the next couple of months and finalize those for the group. We talked about some events which we already discussed earlier so we can skip that. They are also interested in volunteering at the park once they receive the volunteer forms Dustin required. Dortha stated once they get those forms for the background check, medical check and volunteer agreement they are ready.

They also wanted to acknowledge improvements and issues that have been addressed since the last meeting. We really thank you for that. The propane line by the bathhouse has been buried. We're very thankful of that. Some trimming was down around the docks and piers and a vacant lot that was overgrown was also weeded. We appreciate the help and the work that was done.

We're excited to finish with our Friends of Prairie Creek group and work with the City of Muncie in any way we can to help improve the grounds out there and the campground. Most of their executive board is here tonight so if you have any questions for us, we are happy to answer them or if you have any suggestions on what we can do to move forward.

Brad asked if there were any questions for their group. Dortha asked their Board to stand up and Brad asked to recognize the who was on the Board and they introduced themselves as Bob (Treasurer), Troy Bailey (Secretary) and Dortha stated they lost Mike (Sgt of Arms) and Irene and Sharon who are both Board members. Troy mentioned he saw Brad out at Prairie Creek over Memorial Day Weekend chatting with campers and checking in with them and a lot of the campers appreciated the interest being shown as that hasn't happened in a long time. Brad responded we all are trying to work together here and thinks they have set a good foundation and there are lots of opportunities to work with us and the team at Prairie Creek. He appreciates being copied on the minutes, which he sent to the rest of the Board.

George inquired about the program that previously existed in which they took some kids from the city to Prairie Creek. The majority of them had never been out there or how to get back out there and he wondered if there was an event or something Prairie Creek could have to invite some inner-city kids out. There's a lot to do out there but most city kids don't know what's going on out there. Is there something we can do to open it up to them and introduce them to Prairie Creek? Dustin stated he would love to partner with Friends of Prairie Creek for that, especially if they can put their name on it. He previously worked with Anitra and her foundation on that and MITS was doing a bus tour out there. He isn't sure if they discontinued that or not. Ashley stated they still do Camp Prairie Creek but it isn't held at Prairie Creek anymore. She agreed with George as some of the kids that came out to work through Teen Works really liked it out there and wanted to keep coming back and she would be open to that. Brad interjected he thought that could be a great combination, not to put more on George's plate as that sounds like programming. George stated he wouldn't mind helping with that. Brad suggested a Learn to Camp Day since many of them have never camped before. Could set up a mock site with a tent and a stove, show them what they need to bring, do smores, or coordinate it with a movie night or something of that nature. There are lots of opportunities there. Jackie suggested Free Fishing Days may be a good day to come out. Chandra interjected she was one of those inner-city kids that had never been out to Prairie Creek nor has she ever to this day been camping, so if she got stranded somewhere she would not know what to do, so that would be something nice to do. Jackie stated there are a lot of people in Muncie, she's heard, that have never been out to Prairie Creek. It's a big asset to Muncie but people just don't know about it. It's not publicized a lot, there's not events to draw people out there. We really think more people should be able to come out and enjoy it. Dortha stated even if they don't come out to camp and just spend the day.

Shannon inquired if the Sanitation Department and Jason Donati do something out there. George stated Jason does a camp for like three or four days. Dustin interjected that is what Ashley pointed out Jason Donati does a terrific program and they partner with him but Camp Prairie Creek is no longer held at Prairie Creek. It is held on an



adjacent property and has been for a while. They would love to bring something back. Muncie Sanitary does a great job and Jason Donati does a great job. It's called Camp Prairie Creek but it's not held there. Ashley stated it is still a great program because they teach a lot of natural resource things. Dortha said right now unless you have a boat or camp there's nothing to do out there and that's why we're trying to create things to do. Shannon stated you can go to the beach but you can't really rent a boat, can you? Or kayak or anything. Jackie, Dortha and Brad all replied no, not right now. Dustin stated they do have miles and miles of trails and ATV trails, walking, nature preserves, picnic areas, model airplanes, airports and shelters for parties and events. We have rental cabins that are \$56 per night so if you don't have a tent and want to go out there, you can have air conditioning, two beds, table, lamp, it has electric, front porch, fire ring, Adirondack chairs, everything you need to get by except for linens. There is quite a bit to do out there that doesn't require a boat. Chandra inquired how someone would get access to that opportunity. Dustin directed them to the City of Muncie page, it lists the prices then you can call the office and make reservations through there. They have been working on getting a digital reservation platform for the past year which they hope to have up by the end of they year. Then people would be able to book online like every other state park.

Shannon inquired if that same conversation can be had with recreation programming because that's something she has been discussing with George about having an electronic platform to pay for programming and also cabins at Heekin Park. Dustin replied the cabins yes, as cabins and shelters will also go on that platform and Ashley said they would ask the representative they are dealing with if that is possible. Shannon said it would make sense as it is all parks and on the same website.

Mark stated the idea of having some kind of youth access and partnering with Friends of Prairie Creek and with the City Parks Department is a great idea. We have football and basketball, and those kinds of things, we could have a fishing clinic. A lot of kids will probably never have the chance to do that but would like to. Shannon interjected MITS would probably be more than willing and there are a lot of funding sources for programming, recreational programming outdoors, there's a lot of funding for this area. Marks said a lot of kids are interested in conservation. He remembers going to Camp Redwing as a kid which is right out by there. He still remembers how much he enjoyed that though he didn't have a clue what he was doing when he went out there. He has a lot of fond memories of that and kids in town don't get to do that. Dortha stated that sounds great and they are willing to help. Chandra stated they are very supported and thanked them for updating the Board and keeping them in the loop. Shannon thanked them for all they are doing.

## **Morris Russell**

Morris stated he has been here before but doesn't want to go that way so he wanted to start by stating he appreciates their interest in their situation and understands they are asking very important questions. However, he doesn't think the entire story over the routine maintenance of the electrical issues that we had over the holiday weekend. Power went out for 30 campers on a Tuesday night for no apparent reason. Everyone lost their food. We were told when we signed the lease we were having electrical upgrades which turned out to be a bunch of stickers put on the box saying "you do not have adequate power to run your camper". Full disclosure right on the box. And to do any service to the box yourself is under penalty of law. If you get in the box, and again, they were right on top of getting on it after the weekend was over. He understands people get vacations and everyone is short-handed but you still have to get the job done. They really do a great job! None of this is your fault. None of this is their fault. But when is someone going to step up and see that this is taken care of and not brushed down the line like it has been for the past 17 years that I've been out there. Every year we lose two or three of our campers from natural causes alone. That's not counting other things that come up along the way. Someone didn't like the way their camper looked, whatever. When is enough, enough? Again, it's not anybody in this room's fault but you're the ones in control right now. Thank you. I'm sorry for taking up your time.

Brad and Shannon thanked him. Brad said he knows they have talked about it and beat around the bush a couple of times but eventually we are going to have to look at additional rates and what we are charging out there. He stated he hates to do that and doesn't want that to be the answer, to charge more, and heaven forbid we run anyone off because of that. He knows that this year they could have filled the campground again with the waitlist. There is clearly a demand and an interest out there, so he thinks that is something that at some point the Board is going to have to look at. Evaluate the rates and see where that goes. Shannon inquired what would be the point of raising the rates and Brad said it would be another way to generate additional revenue so that pushes us closer to making the upgrades to the campsites. The other thing he has looked at is are there any other partnerships to help get the electrical done. He knows Dustin has reached out to AEP, he's talked about grants and other things. We're looking through things but he doesn't know any other options. His fear is if we don't move and don't get somewhere in some timely fashion, be that a year or two, at least have a game plan it gets to the point where you have to turn power off and that would be an awful decision to have to make. He knows none of them want that he doesn't want to do that and doesn't believe anyone up there wants to have to make that decision but if there's some catastrophic failure or some major issue out there, that could be a decision we as a Board and the administration out there have to make. He doesn't think anyone wants to do that.

Shannon inquired if we have fewer people using the grid would it be the same. Morris stated it would because they are using an ungrounded system that's been in the ground over forty years. The GFI false triggers, the power goes out, impacts the campers, food spoils, fridges go into defrost and you've got a big puddle in the middle of your camper. Shannon inquired if it could start a fire and Brad responded that it has. There were fires out there last year. Morris responded that six or seven years ago they had four campers destroyed by fires though they were told it was caused by a mouse chewing through the wires.

Ashley questioned if they have ever said the electrical is or up to par. Brad stated no one was saying that. Ashley stated before she went on vacation, she went to check her camper, and someone had shut her breaker off. Morris asked if it was turned off or tripped and she said it was off. James also stated it had been turned off. Donnie Wright confirmed it was done intentionally. Ashley stated she wondered if the thirty campsites that had those issues were shut off or tripped. Morris said they were tripped. Dustin stated everyone is getting different information as there are several reports people maliciously turned certain campers off. He stated this was not the time or place to discuss it because we might not like the outcome. If that's the case let's all get on the same page. They run a 30 amp service, that's never been denied. So, if you put a breaker in there, a 30 amp breaker trips at eighty percent, that's 24 amps. A camper, today, you can go out and test it, pulls 19 amps. They can run roughly 3, 4 or 5 amps. The instant they do anything it trips them. That's how that system works. That's what a 30 amp system does. It wasn't designed for multiple air conditioners, deep freezers, dehydrators, yogurt machines, or Margaritaville slurry machines. That's not what these things were meant for. That's not what we have. That's not what we can provide. If it's unsafe let's talk about it. We'll eliminate half the sites. We'll shut it off for a couple of years until we can get it fixed. We'll move everybody out. We will do what is safe and required. Those accusations and talking like that is not productive in this situation so let's pull that back a little bit and let's try to work through this.

Brad stated he believed we're all heading in the same direction and we know we have an issue. Right now, we have a 30 amp service that's aged and we did a full audit this year to try and make it as good as we can with the resources that we have available. That's where we are today. Mark stated one thing he thinks would be really helpful and despite the fact there's a lot of differences, he thinks there are a lot of commonality he's hearing tonight. Everybody agrees on the problem and everybody wants to find a solution. He thinks one thing that would be helpful, and with the Friends of Prairie Creek one of the things he likes is that they are talking and organizing, doing some things. We know the system is substandard and we know we don't have enough money today and we know we can't ask the taxpayers of Muncie overall to dedicate money, tax money to fixing a system that benefits not a broad number of people. It's good for the city but it's a few people. So, the question is, maybe this is a good project for Friends of Prairie Creek, we



need to figure out, there's only so much we can do to generate revenue. Dustin you've described some of the things we're trying to look at to generate revenue, which he thinks is good but one of the things we need to look at is our fee structure. We are far below any other similar campground, far below, and we like it that way. But if what we are providing is substandard, we're going to have to take a look at what would people rather do, pay more if it's dedicated to improvements or would we rather keep it low and keep it substandard. Maybe at some point have to cut out camper spaces or shut down the system. He doesn't think anyone wants that but we need to figure out solutions because we're all pretty much on the same page, it's just the solutions are hard to find. But we know things can't stay as they are. Nobody is happy with the way things are now. If we had revenue, if we had an infusion of steady source of revenue maybe we could look at it and back to what Shannon said, we could actually get a timeframe. Revenue is the problem. He thinks they could be very helpful to the Board because it is very easy for the Board to say raise rates. He doesn't camp there so he isn't paying them, but he also doesn't have to deal with a substandard electrical system and they do. So, the Board needs to know what their priorities are. Mr. Bailey said the issue is a rent increase now for a fix possibly ten years down the road. We're asking people to invest in ten years and pay for something they may not benefit from. Mark stated he agreed and if they knew they had a commitment for what would be a substantial increase before we would impose it maybe there would be an opportunity for the City to look at creative ways of financing and funding so we could get it done quickly. Shannon inquired about an LWCF grant. Mark said if we knew that's what the campers wanted then the City could look at if they want that, how can we get an immediate return on their investment. Brad encouraged them to go to Camping World, Joe's RV and places like that to see if they want to help or sponsor or fundraise. We have a non-profit through the parks and we can earmark things for it.

Shannon stated the problem is the campground is private and Brad agreed it is kind of in a weird place and Dustin has run into some issues on what grant money they would want to spend on a small portion versus a true public park. It does limit some of the options there. Dustin stated the campground is not perceived as a public. Ashley interjected it's because there aren't enough daily sites. Dustin stated the perception needs to change to get some of those big, private donors or add daily sites. That's the goal of the South Shore project. It's not to bring in new seasonal sites but only out of town or non-seasonal campers. So, the people that are coming in for special events in town. Filling up that campground is revenue that doesn't have to come from our campers we have now. The other way to generate revenue is docks. Docks generate revenue for the entire park system. By moving towards flotation piers, we can generate more revenue as a whole, ergo, they have more main power, more money in capital equipment, more money in supplies. We have more revenue coming in and less expenses going out, they can then divert it to something, i.e., North Shore which is a

segment of the entire park. We also have a nature preserve out there that needs to be maintained. We have ATV trails. It is a facet, an important facet of a 2,000 plus acre facility that's also the secondary water supply of the region. Right now, they are already pulling three million gallons out a day and all of these things need to be considered and talked about as a whole because nothing is a one line item type project.

Shannon inquired about alternative forms of electricity like solar. Dustin stated they would be for donating space and land but would have to get approval from AEP as they run their substations and our power that comes in is through them. Power generated from solar either has to be stored or used immediately. We can't afford to build a storage unit big enough to support the 200 plus sites so we would have to sell it back to AEP then turn around and use those credits to lower our electric bill. That won't fix the issue that exists. That doesn't fix any of the infrastructure that is beneath the ground. That doesn't fix any of the wires or pedestals. It saves electric but doesn't solve their problem.

Brad asked if they could share or bring back to the campers they don't pay for electric but we do. So, anything you guys can do to help us, helps Prairie Creek as a whole. So, if it's turning off air conditioners when you're gone, the lights, or anything. He's sure a lot of them do that already but every little bit adds up and helps us.

### **Muncie Area Disc Golf Club – Tommy Miller (VP) & Chris (Board Member)**

Tommy thanked everyone for their support the last time he was at the meeting two months ago as they received some good feedback on the Facebook Live. He stated they have new baskets at Muncie that the club has paid for. They spent \$7,400 on those baskets. If you drive through McCulloch you can't miss them because they are bright yellow. There's 18 of them and they are awesome. They are so much better than the silver ones. You can actually see them and we've been getting questions about them from people driving by.

Second thing is they are having a giant tournament on September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> that will span Yorktown, Muncie and the new course at Frank Merry Park in Dunkirk. That's the one they are putting in the ground right now. To support that tournament, they are doing a doubles tournament on July 2<sup>nd</sup> which is a Bring Your own Partner event fundraiser. Their expectation for the tournament in September is they have a cap of 144 people and they will hit that real quick. Registration opened Friday and we already have people from Ohio and Michigan signed up. People will come from all over the country for this tournament which may sound ridiculous for Disc Golf but he promises they do it. They already have a pro from Michigan and a couple from Ohio. The fundraising goal is \$5,000 which covers the fee for the Pros, advertisement, amateur player packs they get when they sign up and a myriad of other things. We will have a food truck there. We

have our own insurance through the PDGA, which is the Professional Disc Golf Association. There's nothing need from the City except to just let you know it is happening and we're excited it will be a part of it.

Third most important thing is the welcome board for McCulloch Park. The course really needs one as people walk up and hope to find hole #1 and understand how the course is laid out. He has received a quote he is happy to share. It is for a 3x5 board and is about \$3,200. On one side it will have a full graphic of the course layout. The other will be an announcement board so they can put flyers up. As near as he can tell they have never asked for money for anything so he is officially asking for money for the board. They fundraised independently for the baskets. We hold two leagues a week, one at Muncie and one at Yorktown. Club members pay into that and part of that money goes into baskets, we got money from businesses and from private donors.

The Club Challenge team participated again this year and will be participating again next year. We won one of two matches which is good. Chris interjected they do have their 501 (3)c, they are officially a non-profit and they just hit fifty concurrent members that are in the Muncie Area Disc Golf Club. Tommy stated statistics show around 1,500 rounds of disc golf have been played at McCulloch in the month of May.

Brad asked about the food truck at the September event, have they worked through the permits and if that was going to be at McCulloch or a different site. Tommy stated the food truck will be at the Yorktown site.

Shannon inquired what type of material the sign will be. Tommy replied it is a printed on metal, like an aluminum synthetic type of material. She asked about the longevity of the sign and he replied the one in Hazel Landing in Carmel has been up for seven years and there's no fade on it all which is why we chose that type of mater because no matter where they are they will be in the sun and there's no fade on the graphics. Shannon confirmed the price is \$3,200 and he stated that's installed with a roof. Brad requested he send the quote to Nikki and she can forward it to the Board. He stated without Carl being there he wasn't sure if they have any funds as he knows the budget is pretty tight and he doesn't want to speak for him. Shannon inquired if we could The Burt Whitely Fund since it's McCulloch Park and it falls under beautification. Brad said they could look into it, talk to Carl and see if they have any other options available. Chandra inquired if they should possibly present to the Whitely Neighborhood Association to see if that is something they would be interested in and Brad stated the Board has control over the Burt Whitely Fund but Whitely may be another one to reach out to since it's in their neighborhood and they may have some interest. There is ARP neighborhood monies that are going out soon and of the focuses has been on parks, so they may have interest or a desire to want to help do something in that area.



The last thing is for Dustin, they are ready to pull those baskets out of Prairie Creek. They can do it any Saturday. Dustin said that is fine. Part of those are in the orchard area and just asked they be sensitive to that area and give those trees a wide berth. He also inquired what the mowing schedule is for McCulloch. George responded they typically have someone out there everyday but the Parks Department is currently short staffed so sometimes we have to pull them to help with other projects or events, but usually there are two guys. Chris said it wasn't a complaint, they just have a tournament coming up and wondered if they could notify us ahead of time. George said they could email Nikki or himself so we can ensure we have staff to cover that. Brad stated he knows there were some issues at the beginning of the season, some mechanical issues and staffing issues in the spring. He believes they are close to being caught up now but it was a tough start to the spring.

Shannon inquired if the shirts they were wearing were official Disc Golf and Tommy said they were wearing their official jerseys for the Club Challenge team. They went with purple for Central, green for Yorktown and the cardinal for Ball State. Brad commented they covered all the bases and Shannon stated they were representing.

Brad asked if there were any additional names on the list and there were none. He asked if there were any other additional questions, comments or concerns from the public and there were none. He stated he was glad to see people here as it's always great when they get feedback from the public, especially campground folks and the neighborhood associations, and one of the sporting teams. He appreciates all of that. He asked if there were any other questions from the Board and there were none.

**Meeting was adjourned by Brad Marshall, President.**

**\* Next Park Board meeting is currently scheduled for July 19, 2022 at 6 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium.**

# Park Board Meeting Public Input Sign In Sheet

Date: 6/21/23

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| 1. MARK KIRWAN    | Muncie |
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| 3. JACKIE SCISCOE | Muncie |
| 4. MORRIS RUSSELL | Muncie |
| 5. Tommy Miller   | Muncie |
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