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Muncie Park & Recreation Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 16, 2022
City Hall Auditorium

- (1) Call to Order
- (2) Pledge of Allegiance
- (3) Roll Call
- (4) Approval of the minutes from (July 2022 Park Board Meeting)
- (5) Superintendent's Report – Carl Malone
- (6) Prairie Creek Report – Dustin Clark & Ashley Wright
- (7) Old Business – None
- (8) New Business –

- (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, September 20, 2022 (6:00 p.m.) - City Hall Auditorium**



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Superintendent Report

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Urban Forestry

For the past 3 to 4 weeks our Urban Forestry Team and staff have been busy removing trees that fell during the July storm that hit McCulloch Park. We also had several trees down at other parks as well. Total being 25.

Beautification of the Parks

The Parks Department staff has been busy this month with the beautification of McCulloch Park Baseball field. We were preparing for the opening day of the Gainbridge Field through the partnership between the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation, City of Muncie and Ball State. We also have been working hard on the softball fields at Heekin Park and Westside Park.

Tuhey Pool

We opened our city pool Memorial Day weekend and will close it after Labor Day weekend. We were open 105 days of our 110 calendar days. We had many challenges throughout our summer season, beginning with community engagement, maintenance repairs and operational expenses.

Park Projects Update

- Halteman Park – Pickleball starts Fall 2022 and will be completed early Spring 2023
- Riverview Splash Park starts August/September 2022 and should be completed early 2023
- Westside Skate Park projected for 2023
- Thomas Park Splash Park - 2023

If the Board would have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the ParkOffice (765) 747-4858 or cell (765) 749-8490.

Carl Malone
Superintendent
Muncie Parks and Recreation

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- 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, and James Lutton. Chandra Parks was absent.
- 4. APPROVAL OF July 19th BOARD MINUTES-** Vote was taken by all Board members present. Motion carries. Motion approved by all members present.
- 5. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Carl Malone, Superintendent**

Carl started off with discussing the efforts of the Urban Forestry team. We've been busy the last three or four weeks trying to clear up trees that had fallen during the storm we had in the middle of July. It's been roughly about 20 or so trees we've had to cut up and remove and we still have a little bit of grinding to do. Kellie and Chris have been very busy, day in and day out. It looks a lot better than it did three weeks ago. They also do a lot of street work when they are called out. Sometimes when things fall in the middle of the night, the next morning they are out there working between streets and parks. They have also hired some subcontractors to help out with some of the trees we know need to come out. At McCulloch, they did a count and there were about 40 - 50 trees that need to come out. They still have some work to do and the subcontractors are working with the Forestry team to get those trees removed.

On to the beautification of parks. The last couple of weeks we've been real busy trying to hit our mark. Today was a big day at McCulloch. Most of you were there. Our team has spent a lot of time making all the repairs, taking the phone calls. Nikki was getting a lot of the phone calls about things we needed to get done in order to meet today's event, which is the partnership between The City of Muncie, Cal Ripken Sr Foundation and Ball State. We're glad we were able to achieve some of the goals we'd set at the beginning of the year and meet our deadlines. The Parks Department was pretty happy. The staff was out and appreciated being invited to attend the event. They had comments to make

about all the guest speakers. I was excited to hear the vision and mission of the foundation as they talked about programming and the importance of coaches and things like that. We've talked about that within our Parks Department. That's why we added the Programs Department and a budget for programming in order to be coaches and mentors to kids in our community. The Parks Department is pretty excited about the direction we're going as far as that goes. We've also worked on a few other parks. We've had a lot of asks for softball in our city parks, so we've worked on Westside Park and Heekin Park trying to get those together. Of course, it is late in the season as we got a late start but we are still moving forward. Hopefully we will get some softball games in for September at those two locations.

Tuhey Pool, we've had our challenges this year but with the team Dr. Powers put together along with the Parks Department we were able to keep Tuhey's open for the majority of the summer. I think it was open to serve the community 105 out of 110 days. Issues included everything from finances, motor repairs, pumps, valves, things of that nature and we still have a lot of work. It is an older pool, probably 2008, so we're gonna have to make a lot of repairs as needed. We managed to get by the summer and we're looking forward to figuring out how we can be better supported financially going into next year and season.

As far as projects, at Halteman we will be starting pickle ball. That is one of the projects we had targeted to come in this year but due to some delays, timeline and funding and the time in which they could come out and complete the project, they are going to start early fall and it should be completed sometime in the Spring of 2023.

Riverview Splash Park: The last meeting I went to last week it was discussed. Everyone knows it was delayed due to permits. It was scheduled to start in March and the we had some permit issues with the state that delayed us. The Mayor and Dustin have talked with the Neighborhood and made comments about maybe getting started this month or next to at least start getting something done there.

Westside Park we've been talking about the skate park. It's moving along as well. There were some funding issues being discussed. I think the team is meeting those goals and there should be some information coming out. There was a survey just completed and we should be getting it out to the community and having some conversations before the Board as it relates to Westside and the Skate Park.

As far as security cameras we have a little update. We do have cameras installed at Tuhey. We just completed the installation at Morningside yesterday. We attempted Cooley but we have some issues with the install and we're waiting to get some information back on the pole that needs to be installed so we can get those cameras

installed as soon as possible. They were one of the first to ask for cameras due to vandalism so we are hoping to get that done as soon as possible. Heekin Park and Thomas Park are the two still to be done. We don't really have a timeline on those. Heekin we believe is next and the neighborhood association is still interested in having cameras at that location so we will move forward with that in the next couple of weeks of getting that one installed. Thomas will probably be next year in terms of getting the cameras installed unless the neighborhood association comes forward and talk about getting cameras installed. We did have some issues there last night. Tom Terrell called me and said there was a little break in. They broke the locks on the baseball diamond but didn't take anything from the park itself.

Carl inquired if the Board had any questions. Brad stated there are several parks listed for security cameras and wondered if there was a vision or plan to have the rest of the parks covered as well, especially any that have facilities like bathrooms or anything else we keep locked up. Carl responded that is something that came up earlier in the day about McCulloch as we're putting so much money into it, we should probably look at putting it in the budget for cameras for the majority of the parks. Due to the crime we have and what we have going on in the parks it would be a good idea to have them installed and it would help the police department as well when they get called out. He would be more than glad to entertain conversations about having cameras installed at the other parks as well. When we picked these parks, the conversations we had, the neighborhoods requested them so that's how we got to those.

Shannon asked if there was room in the operational budget for monitoring the cameras so if there is vandalism occurring or if someone trespasses we can send the police immediately while the incident is taking place instead of after? Carl stated we can look into the cost. Shannon stated she knows it's very expensive but she thinks for places like Gainbridge Field where we have a lot of money invested, something like that needs to be protected. Carl stated that's one of the last things we need to happen, is to have someone take a motor vehicle or bike over the fence and do donuts out on the field. Shannon said there just isn't an infrastructure of staff monitoring those cameras. Carl responded that is something we need to look at budget wise, and to see what the cost is and get back to the table with the board and have a conversation about the budget and see how we can get it installed. Brad interjected that even if it's somethings as basic as a monitor in the office that Nikki, Carl or George could view. It's up but not constant monitoring, that could be a short term solution. Somebody can glance at it a couple of times a day and see what's going on. Shannon interjected most of the incidents happen in the evening and so we will need lights as well as it is dark and you can't make out faces. She spoke to the police when some folks jumped the fence about two weeks ago and they said it was after the fact so they couldn't do anything and you couldn't make out the faces anyway. James inquired if the cameras were motion activated or a continuous loop. Shannon replied it

is a continuous loop but the software will show if there has been some solid motion, it's a solid blue bar with lines, that looks like a bar code if there is motion and she typically goes back to look at it. She stated we don't have any recourse if it's not the immediate during the act. We have to decide if we want to pay now to protect our amenities or pay after to fix what someone has destroyed. Brad stated what he's hearing is we need to focus on the lighting as well. He wishes the security company would have encouraged us based on where the cameras are to suggest lighting in that space or sold us a package instead of handing us a camera to put up, so maybe we can lean on them a little bit. Carl stated we could contact them about some possible added features. Brad stated he was interested in seeing what the cost for monitoring would be. His concern is the cost, what it could be and if we can fit it in. Mark inquired if we will have signage at the parks stating they are monitored 24 hours by video surveillance. Carl stated there will be signs and he is currently working on that after a discussion with the Mayor last week. There will be signs with the hours for closing and opening of the parks, no drinking, all the rules we need to have. Marks stated sometimes the signs if they say that you are under video surveillance are enough for people. Carl said we do have some signs up, and I took a picture at Morningside today and that has been up a while. It's a matter of getting the cameras installed and figuring out what works for the park itself. Shannon stated legally if you don't have the signs up, are recording and want to prosecute, the police told her you can't because the signs weren't up. Carl said he knows they have them at Cooley and Morningside and we can make sure we have them at the other parks as well.

Brad mentioned the projects that were listed, stating they have talked about several of them lately and one was featured in the paper this last week but thought it would be worth going over where the funding and items for these projects are coming from. Carl stated some projects were being funded from EDIT funds the mayor has set aside has been part of the splash pad installation for the most part. Brad asked if that is the Riverview Park and Thomas Park projects and Carl confirmed it. Brad stated the paper indicated said some of the Westside Skate Park money was coming from the recent bond as well and they're doing some fundraising sources for that, correct? Carl replied the Mayor earmarked a portion of that money also to go to the skate park, those dollars came out of the EDIT funds as well. Brad added for Halteman Park he wasn't sure if they'd discussed the funding sources for their pickleball court and Carl replied they hadn't. Brad asked if we knew where the funds were coming from, or if we had a plan or vision. Carl stated at this time he wasn't sure where the funding was coming from. He just knows the Mayor's office was interested in supporting it. Shannon inquired if the design work has been done and if there is a quote for the project. Brad interjected that George had been working on it and he didn't want to speak on it without him being there. Carl replied they do have a proposed quote already from Outdoor Sports which he believes was sent to the Board. There may be some changes due to last years quotes and this year's prices and knows they were sent to Brad and JP.

Brad inquired if there were any additional questions for Carl. Shannon inquired about what is going into the Riverview Splash Park. Carl asked Dustin to come up to give insight on the project. Dustin stated he was lucky enough to be a part of this project and Nikki reached out to him today stating there were some questions and asked him to bring some illustrations and believed they all had a packet before them. He stated it is a proposed design from Vortex which is the company that has been doing all are works which makes all our parks interchangeable pieces. Originally the concept was more oblong, circular and they wanted something different so this is more of an overall layout and was the last rendering we got. We did hear there was a question about putting in a dump bucket or spray/splash dump feature and he thinks that's very manageable if we change out a piece from another park or park that is yet to be installed. He thinks that can go in place of any of these as the key to this system is anyone of these pieces can be moved to any other park so every year you don't have the same pieces. Any piece can go to any other park and every year it feels like you get a new splash pad because last year you didn't have the frog or the spray hose and then next year you get the dump bucket and soaker. But he does know there was a request a dump bucket go in here and that should be very manageable and within budget. James asked if we have had any vandalism at the splash pads and if it's hard to tear that stuff out. Dustin stated he couldn't speak to the splash pads or say that we have. It's not difficult to clean them up as they all come with a wax coating on all the pieces so stuff wipes on and off fairly easy with graffiti remover or a moist toilette. He doesn't know that they have any issues at Cooley or Halteman thus far. He stated during the winter the pieces can be taken down and stored. They are a 4 bolt, 6 bolt and 8 bolt system that pops out of the ground, piece goes in, stuff gets turned off, winterized, stored, safely locked away and come spring you can put them back in any order you want. He asked if there were any other questions or concerns. Brad stated he loved how many benches and picnic tables were in the rendering as that is his ongoing complaint about the lack of them in the parks. He knows it's just a rendering from Vortex but he loves that. Dustin responded that Carl has agreed to help out as we are working with United Way, Prairie Creek and the Parks Department to construct some of our own benches. Carl is going to help out with some for Emerson. We can always tack on a few more if the neighborhood and the Parks Board want additional benches here. We can put those traditional style looking benches back. Brad stated he knows some of that goes back to the lack of attention and focus we've had on the parks in past years and it's not something we can fix overnight but it's certainly getting better and we're making progress. He appreciates Carl's work there and the things Dustin is doing. Shannon inquired what else is going into the park. Dustin replied he believes there will be a quarter mile walking trail, same thing as the last proposal. He believes there's an update to the shelter, a proposed restroom facility and additional traditional playground pieces going in, a rain garden pollinator field. All the stuff that has been in the previous plans he believes is staying. There will be brand new parking, new layout of a full court basketball court. Shannon inquired if there was room

and Dustin stated there is. The Mayor was able to acquire additional acreage which he believes was the next door tenant who had it for a mature living facility and they will be granting/selling/moving that property to the Mayor and he's going to gift it to the City so that park will probably double in a half by size.

Brad said since Dustin was already up we could lead into the Prairie Creek report unless there were any other questions for Carl. Shannon had a funding question about the project and wanted to know if we were staying close to budget. Dustin stated we are being required to stay very close to budget as there is not a lot of wiggle room in EDIT money for this upcoming cycle. We are very much attempting to and that may mean things go in in phases it's still going to be there.

6. PRAIRIE CREEK REPORT – Dustin Clark

Dustin stated they have been gearing up for the end of the season and have been meeting with CalTri, a new triathlon that may be coming. We've had a couple of meetings with them, additional meetings for Iron Man that seems to be going really well. They will now be using the Horizon Convention Center, he spoke with Casey today and we are going to alter the course. They have also graciously agreed to pay for a new entrance and egress sand area so we will be adding approximately 10 tons of sand to make a better slope entrance and slope egress which benefits the city all year round because that sand will be there for the pay beach all year round. That will be super nice.

We've been spending a lot of time rebuilding equipment and getting the park in order. We've been trimming back a lot of the open spaces to bring back some of the bank fishing, just a lot of routine maintenance. I think I announced last time that we were able to purchase a few used vehicles so we now have two security SUV's and those cost about \$12,000 apiece. And a new work truck and we are working with the street department to hopefully acquire one of their vehicles at a reduced cost. That may not happen by the end of this fiscal year but probably by the beginning of the new one. So hopefully we will turn over more than 50% of our fleet while Ashley and I are here.

Brad asked if there was anything else for Dustin while we have him and no one added anything. Dustin stated he didn't know if there was a representative here, Victoria Brewer was looking to get permission to continue her construction upstairs, that was brought before the Board at the last meeting. We've had some talks about it and we are in favor of it if it's not permanent or irreversible. It was reexplained to us and I think Ashley and I are very much on board with getting the Parks Board approval to allow her to keep moving forward. James made a motion to approve it.

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

Brad asked Dustin to give Victoria notice of the decision and let her know she is good to go.

Brad asked if there were any events or anything on the calendar that needs approval. George isn't here and he normally handles those. Dustin stated there was nothing on their end. Nothing has changes. We are making revenue, so we have been very booked recently. Lots of launches. Lots of use for the park so we are super excited about that. The guys are out working hard. A big shout out to Ashley, Jr., LT, Woody as those individuals are carrying that place. So, a big shout out to them for all their hard work.

Brad said he mentioned Iron Man is using the convention center for some of their events and wondered if that had been done in the past or if it was something new. Dustin stated he believed they did last year for their sign up, giveaways and things like that, Iron Kids race, downtown walk and stuff. Brad wondered if that was because we don't have facilities or a place for them to do it at the park? Dustin stated that's correct and it's probably more convenient for them and their athletes to be right next to a hotel and it's a big boom for downtown, it keeps the athletes close to restaurants, it gives parking and everything and makes it convenient as they don't have to sleep in a tent the night before they race 70.3 miles. It's a big win.

7. OLD BUSINESS – None listed

Brad stated next on the list is old business. There's nothing listed on the agenda but I do see a couple of packets he assumes if from Nikki regarding the rental rates and proposed fee list. He suggested they review them and put them on the agenda for next month to vote on these proposals and if there are any questions they can reach out and talk to Nikki between now and then. He asked if there were any major changes, highlights or anything Nikki wanted to mention of note on the packets. Nikki stated there were two items they didn't have any pricing for which are the 10 x 10 pop up tent and the large tent. The large tent is the one that takes the majority of the staff to put up for events and the 10 x 10 is fairly easy. Those are the only two that there had never been a price listed so we just need to decide on it. Shannon asked if she should look at some comparison prices in other cities and Nikki stated if she wanted to or if they wanted to suggest a price they think would be reasonable that would be great. Shannon inquired about the size of the large tent and Carl stated it's about 10 x 20 or 30 he believes. Brad said they would look into it and have it on the agenda for next month to vote on.

Shannon asked if there was any new information and this may be a question for George for being able to access these or pay for them online. Nikki stated George would be back

tomorrow and we can find out. Carl inquired which items and Nikki stated the cabin rentals. Carl said he talked to IT last week about it and we don't have the software at this time. He stated it might be something we can look at and see if some of the other cities have something up and how it's being for and what kind of software we would need to make it happen. Brad interjected Dustin and Ashley have spent time working on that and looking at different software available so that would be great if we could consolidate and use the same service so we're not doubling up and paying twice for a service. So, see where Ashley ends up and maybe look at those options. Carl said Nikki and Ashley could talk about that and he and George would as well.

Shannon asked Carl about the signage for Frisbee Golf as she knows the organizers came before them last month or two months ago and we were discussing and approved using the McCulloch Foundation funds because it kind of fell under beautification. Is there any new news? Carl stated he didn't know if they had called the office and spoke to Nikki but he hadn't heard anything as she and George have been handling it as it kind of falls under programming. Nikki stated Anthony came in and met with George about a month or so ago. He had the company's information, we had them put on as a vendor for the city and submitted the invoice. We didn't touch the principal of the Burt Whitely Fund as we received a check for a partial interest check they sent us and that covered the full amount of the sign.

Brad inquired if there was any other old business and there was none brought forth.

8. NEW BUSINESS – Mayor Dan Ridenour

Brad stated the Mayor was with us tonight and believed he had a few items to bring before us and talk about.

Mayor Ridenour started out by stating one of the projects did not stay on budget and that's the one we had today and that's what has created some of the budget crunches out of the EDIT funds. We knew it was important and didn't have much choice. We knew it was coming up and had to finish it. There are still things ordered which are not yet finished at Gainbridge Field. But what I have for you (asked if it was ok to approach), just want to share with you the City Council voted YES on the Bond and that Bond included \$900,000 towards Parks. \$300,000 is set aside in a special account, not on your page here, for what we call TillPond. What it will eventually be named we don't know but that's set aside. We have submitted for a DNR grant so we will see how that goes. So, take that out and there's \$600,000 for parks. We worked with the Muncie Redevelopment Commission who is putting this money in and we worked with Councilmembers and their various districts and these are the dollars we came up with for the various parks. These monies are in the accounts now. They are in the bank account now; these monies can be spent. So, for example, Shannon, you know more than anyone else, on the far right of that column is Tuhey repairs. We're setting aside

\$35,000. I don't know what needs to be done. You know what needs to be done. It's been told to me but I can't remember it piece by piece, what's a priority over other things but \$35,000 is there right now to help solve some of those Tuhey Pool issues. And this is money the Muncie Redevelopment Commission is paying and I will tell you it was not a unanimous vote. There were a couple that didn't feel like Redevelopment should be paying for parks but enough voted and I was supportive of us using some of those economic development funds for what I view as quality of place, which are parks and what that means for our city in bringing new people here and retaining people who already live here. So, that \$35,000 if you've got something that the Board wants Carl to get, order it. Get it done while the pricing is \$35,000. I don't know what you need. I know there's some problems with the pool, there might be a pump issue. There might be some things you have to do after the season but take advantage of it before pricing continues to go up. I guess that's what my point is on all of these.

There is the \$220,000 set aside for the skate park. That has been to engineering. It is expected to be \$600,000. They are about \$80,000 short. They have started raising money and I offered to go ahead and do it if they wanted to reduce the size of the park but they didn't want to do that so they're continuing to raise funds and are making good progress. They still have a way to go but that money will be towards that project. We've already paid for engineering so some of the money we've set aside out of the previous ARP money and none of this money is already spent. We're going to regularly, I'll give this to Carl going forward to subtract out what's been done so you know where the funds are.

At Ball Corp Park, Richard Ivy who runs the soccer program has indicated that there's some earth work, it's a bit more than landscaping, but he felt \$20,000 would do it. So, there's money there for that. Again, that's something that we should get out to bid but I think the Parks Department should be directed, I would tell them but wanted the Board to know where these funds are and you direct them on what to do now, what to have neighborhood meetings on and that type of thing. Ball Corp Park is a repair issue and so that's why I'm thinking let's get it done. I don't know if it can be done prior to the soccer season but Richard knows what we need so you guys direct Carl to do whatever needs to be done on that repair issue.

We've got money here for Heekin. I think there's still some discussions. It says pickleball but there are some discussions on whether this should be playground or pickleball. That is not to my knowledge determined but there's \$75,000 earmarked towards Heekin Park. That can be towards anything you deem that we need to do there. So, if there's tree removals or other things, that's possible but I know Carl has been working with the neighborhood, and I've been at some of those meetings, and they've been going back and forth in trying to decide what to do. Carl interjected they are wanting repairs to the basketball court. Dan stated there's \$75,000, for them to help decide how to do it.

Cowing Park is just some upgrades and again this was worked out with council members so there's some belief there are some repairs that need to be done. I know it's a pretty popular pickleball area so it could be that those are where the repairs are but that's something you may need to get with Carl with as he has this list as well. But if those are repairs let's get that done before pricing goes up but I don't know exactly what those are.

Jack's Park is one of our most underutilized and overlooked. It has many needs so there's some money on here, the second highest amount next to the skate park, of all of these. The MRC was hoping to see something happen. This is probably something that is going to require a neighborhood meeting although I'm not sure if that neighborhood is super active but it may be something where we want to see what they want to do. Carl interjected to inform the Mayor and Board they have had one meeting of their neighborhood association and are getting ready for their second one and they've met with them once as well. The Mayor stated we now have a budget and it needs to be adhered to. It's not going to be everything that they want but it's going to be a lot better than what's there now. I think there's old equipment there, this is one of those parks that has equipment that has to be at least 40 years old and needs to come out. It's the same thing we did at Riverview. There was equipment there that had to have been there for 40 years so I'm looking forward to seeing some upgrades there and that'll be fun.

Haltzman pickleball. I told Carl to order it, I think it's ordered so this price should stick and hopefully it gave us a little cushion but that should stick. Once it's in that's what their money is for.

This says Anthony equipment. How many are familiar with the Anthony Administration building? At one time it was a school, it's currently owned by Ball State. They have a tiny little playground and parking lot already there. This neighborhood has no park. We tried to work out something with a church for a neighborhood park and in the end the neighborhood decided they didn't want it on church property though the church was volunteering some land. That ended up not happening. Ball State is 100% behind us putting playground equipment there but it will not be a long-term permanent lease. But there's already swing sets. There's already a slide. There's already parking. It's safe for the kids cause it's way off of Oakwood and it's right in a neighborhood that doesn't have anything. We've got some money here that's available to purchase some additional playground equipment. We're still working on the legal language with Ball State. We're going to have a MOU type arrangement to where we're going to utilize it for a certain number of years as they move forward with their plans for that space but I said we don't have a park in that area and we'd love to have one. So, it could end up being temporary but temporary is good. If it's three years, if it's five years, whatever that timeframe is, there's nothing now. So, there is money there to buy equipment and I don't think you will need much else cause the parking lots there. There's already some trees built around, some baseball fields, it's a perfect location.

Morningside, Carl has talked about this in meetings past and we've met with that neighborhood association a number of times. We've done a lot of repairs, we've had a lot of cost overruns and so there's \$18,000 set aside for Carl to finish out what ended up being things that were pricier than we expected of what we looked at doing. This helps finish that out and that's money I expect will be spent this year. With their approval get all that ordered.

So, when you add all this up it's \$600,000. The other \$300,000 is for TillPond. This is what the MRC is wanting to do and we got Council guidance on where to do things but all in all when you include TillPond that's ten more parks getting upgrades and I think that's great for our community. So roughly a third of our parks with this bond that recently got approved will be getting some type of upgrades, some major and some getting some necessary repairs. I just wanted to share that with you, that was my whole purpose in coming tonight. Now that the Bond is approved I just wanted to make sure you knew where this money was and what it was going to be used for. Are there any questions you might have for me on this?

James inquired for Anthony Park would Ball State maintain the grounds, or would we? Mayor Ridenour stated they are still working on that and he would like for them to. There is still a Memorandum of Understanding we are working through. This is not something I want ordered right away. We want to get with the neighborhood and have them give us some guidance but at this point I don't know. I just wanted to let you know that's what it's earmarked for and if we can't get an agreement then that money can go somewhere else I suppose. I would have to go back to MRC but I think Ball State was very receptive. If we have to maintain it, we will but they were already maintaining it and that was my point to Ball State. Shannon had two questions. When does this money expire? Do we have to use it all this year? Mayor Ridenour stated this is available, the skate park probably would not start until 2023 and we might not need that until June or July. These are monies that are available now so if there are immediate repairs on some of these that need to happen you can take them and the next time you see this report it will have those that we've already spent out of those particular budgets it will show those subtracted so you will have a new net figure on each of these. There's not a requirement that we spend it this year. There's not a requirement that it gets spent next year but I will tell you in our rapid inflation environment if we waited until 2024 you're probably going to get \$40,000 worth of equipment instead of \$50,000 in using our current numbers. Mark inquired if a good approach would be for Carl to come in September with a list of projects for our authorization? The Mayor replied he hates to throw this on him but we finally got the money so now we've got to get the repairs done but he thinks with Morningside we know what it is and it was roughly \$17,000 so there's a little cushion there and Tuhey was a little more than \$35,000 but I think we can do some major things at Tuhey for that so I think next month he could easily come back with it. Dustin interjected there is already a plan for Jack's Park and the Mayor stated he had

not yet seen it but that's good and we can start moving on it. Shannon inquired if there is any criteria for how the money is used? Is it only for equipment or can we put it towards operational expenses like our manpower or labor. The Mayor stated it is for something more permanent. It can be repairs but it shouldn't be for manpower. It should be for equipment that will last, that ten years from now kids are still playing on. That's the goal of what the MRC is trying to do. Brad inquired if there were any more questions for the Mayor and there were none. Brad thanked the Mayor and stated he appreciates all his work and focus on the parks as it's really shown through his time as the Mayor and the work that we've done. This will be a great addition. He challenged Carl and knows he's going to work on it, sounds like he's already worked with several of the neighborhoods on these projects. Kind of riding the same theme, there is ARP money out there for neighborhoods and we strongly encourage neighborhoods to come spend that money in the parks, especially the neighborhoods here that might be able to double up on some of these upgrades if they have ARP money available. Shannon thanked the Mayor for working with them.

Brad inquired if there was any other new business to discuss and there was none.

10. ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items or events for approval.

11. PUBLIC INPUT – Please limit time to 3 minutes.

Brad asked for those signed onto the list for Public Input.

Wendell Beaty introduced himself as a lifetime Muncie resident and stated he resides on the reservoir. He stated they have been talking to Carl and Dustin about getting docks put in. All the rest of the neighbors have them and he previously had one so we're just trying to get those put back in. They are trying to get Board approval or whatever else is needed to proceed with that. He understands one of the issues was making sure nothing was bothered with the land, property and anything like that. He's been there for 22 years and I've always maintained the property and taken care of it. He's not sure what else needs to be done to move forward with it and isn't sure if it's a Board issue that needs to get approved but we're hoping to do that and get the docks back in that used to be there. He thinks it would be beneficial for the park as it brings in extra income as he knows there isn't a lot of space to put new docks. He always had one before and then he moved to the beach area and he didn't use one behind the house but now he's wanting to get that back closer to home. Shannon inquired exactly where he lived and he stated he is on the cove right by the Parks Department office. The big cove and he thinks there are about six or seven back there now.

Brad stated he would defer to Dustin on this as the last email he was copied on there were some comments from American Water about docks on non-public areas as that's one of the agreements we have with them. He didn't know if there was any change or updates from that. Dustin stated they are supportive of docks however things are on hold as American Water sent our lease for private landholder docks to be reviewed by their legal department. Their legal has not given it back to James and ergo we don't have it. James is our contact at American Water. We were highly encouraged through them and legal to hold until we get their legal department to say here's what you can and can't do. He doesn't know if anyone in the room was a violator but they were alerted to issues which they came and investigated. They decided to put something on paper which he didn't know if it had been done previously. Or hadn't been spelled out well in the past so their department took it up with their legal and we've received no further instructions to move forward. So, we're in a holding pattern until their legal tells us we can proceed. That's where we're stuck until American Water, because they hold our land and they hold the water and the waters edge to the land, so even if someone butts up against property they don't actually have access to the water, they still have to go through American Water's land and that's what we're waiting on their MOU to tell us what we can and can't do.

Brad inquired when we do put in docks for private land owners what is our charge structure for that? Do we charge for both sides or just one side? Dustin replied he believes we only charge for one. Brad stated that is a concern he has had as we don't have availability to rent out that other side to anyone else, right? Dustin stated that is correct. Brad inquired about who the ground between the private property and the dock is maintained by. Dustin replied that is another thing legal would guide us on. Whether we would have to do it, whether it would be the land owner or American Water. We've not been given instructions and obviously we couldn't trespass through private property to get to American Water property to maintain it for their side of the lease. We have a host of stuff we hope to get answered but we are waiting on them.

Mark stated he may be able to speak to some of that although I don't have any more current information than Dustin has. Through the legal department, I am here as a Board member, but through the legal department, Indiana American had expressed concerns. The actually own the reservoir and the city has a long-term lease. They had expressed some concerns that they wanted to make sure the city was in compliance with that long-term lease. So, we are trying to be very careful with that because obviously it's a very important resource for everybody, Prairie Creek is. Primarily it's a water source, first and so what Dustin said is exactly right. Among the concerns they raised were private dock holders and non-designated areas that were not identified in the lease to the extent they are reviewing that and they haven't said no which is a positive. Because they could. So, it's the kind of thing where I think if it could be worked out and we can do it to their satisfaction nobody is opposed to it. And then the charge is just for some of

the details to be worked out but legally we don't want to do anything to jeopardize the legal relationship with Indiana American Water because it is such a resource for the city. That is a concern they expressed but then again, I am very pleased they are taking something under advisement that's farther than where we were a number of months ago so that's a positive thing. Brad stated he also wanted to clarify that the docks that we have for the private property owners are Prairie Creek docks. These are not installed or maintained by the owners. Dustin stated Prairie Creek pays to install and remove the dock and make any necessary repairs as we would be liable if somebody fell on our dock even if it's on their property. That's all stuff that is going down in the spelling of the agreement. Mark stated candidly an issue that we have to look into is there are a number of docks that have just sprung up through the years. That is something we have been asked to look into and address but obviously that is a sensitive issue so we're trying to work through that to identify all of the parcels adjacent to the lake. What structures may be located on those parcels and what do we do about those? We have a complicated issue and I'm sorry you're caught in the limbo but we're hoping to get some things worked out.

Brad inquired if the private property docks are more cumbersome and time consuming to install than the gang docks or the locations that are easy access. Dustin stated he couldn't speak to his particularly but in general, yes. Generally, the walk board has to go out a lot farther. Those areas especially the coves and stuff, tend to have more gentle slope bottoms so to get the depth to even go out far enough we have to put out four or five extra sets to get them to deep enough water for them to launch a boat and even still we will get complaints from time to time when they draw down the water. A couple of weeks ago we weren't getting any rain and they were pulling a million gallons of water a day and then they upped it and upped it again. So, when that draws down the lake some of the shallower boats do come close to touching the bottom and then they can't turn on their motor because it's stuck in mud, so that creates another issue. In general, not specifically theirs, yes those can create an additional work issues. Mr. Beaty interjected back when he did have his dock behind his house he purchased extra sections and he still has them. They said anytime the water dropped that they would come out and put them in if I have them. Dustin responded there's a compromise, a work around right there. Mark added we really respect Indiana America's position, they're not trying to be the bad guy. No one wants to be the bad guy. Their primary objective is to provide clean and safe drinking water for the City of Muncie. That's obviously the first priority above everything and we respect that. We're just trying to figure out how we can best work with them because recreational use is very important also.

Brad thanked Mr. Beaty for bringing it to the Board's attention and bringing it to this forum and making sure we're aware. He'd already been in some conversations and circled back with Dustin on it. We certainly appreciate that versus you going out and putting out a dock. Because you could've done that and that creates a whole other layer

of problems for us, so we do appreciate that. Brad asked that if Dustin gets any news or updates that he pass it along to the Board. Obviously, we're in August so he doesn't expect a resolution this year but hopes we have a resolution for next season.

Mark Kinman was present to represent the Southside Neighborhood Association in their request to have a Family Fun Night at Cooley Park on August 23, 2022 from 6 – 8 pm. He stated they would have food, games and other things for people to enjoy. He invited everyone to come and join them in the splash pad if it isn't raining. He stated there was a dilemma they were trying to figure out. They have a board member that works at Woof Boom that wants to bring a van out and play music but they are receiving conflicting information about having a noise exemption. They were told they needed to go before the Board of Works tomorrow but they couldn't get ahold of the Street Department because they were closed today and we were told we would have to reach them at 7 am and try to get someone to go to the meeting to get the okay. At the same time, I was sent an ordinance that states that parades, carnivals, concerts, festivals, fairs, acoustic performances and other events authorized by the Board of Works and Safety, or other appropriate government entities. From what he understands from another Board member they have been declared as having a celebration approved by the Parks Department. Brad interjected and asked if the event was already approved or if he was asking for approval. Mark stated he was asking to make sure they were doing it correctly and Shannon commented this was a new item. Mark stated he didn't know if anyone came previously to ask for approval. Brad and Shannon both stated no. Mark stated he knows he didn't but if they needed to have someone at the Board of Works meeting he needed to get off here and get it done as they were told via text by Linda, head of Board of Works, they would also have to pay a fee and show proof of insurance. He doesn't think this applies as they have approval from the Parks Department. If that's the case they won't be able to have the music truck out there as they won't have time to get it done by tomorrow morning. They aren't planning on having music blasting just the truck out playing music while everyone is there. He wondered what was the legal way to get it done.

Brad stated it sounded like a special event in the park and there is a procedure to get an event approved and inquired if Carl had already discussed it or knew about it. Mark stated surely everyone knows about the event since they posted it all over Facebook and sent invitations out to people. Brad inquired if they are needing any additional resources in the park and Mark stated they are bringing all their own tables and everything. The only thing they would like is to have the one restroom that was not torn up to be opened for the event. Shannon suggested taking a step back for a moment as the Board first needs to approve the party. That's typically what different entities do when they come in here. They need to get Parks Board approval. Shannon inquired if they have security for the event and Mark stated they do not. Shannon stated they typically require some sort of security and inquired how many people they were anticipating. Mark responded

about 50 -60. He added the only reason he is saying all this is because he has a message from another person of a neighborhood association saying that's weird because when they were hosting an event outside with live music the Board of Works didn't mention anything about a noise ordinance for the Riverside \$2 Saturday coming up. Brad inquired if they were looking for any road closures and Mark stated they were not. Brad inquired if there were any food vendors and Mark stated there weren't. They are trying to get all the food donated which they would pick up for the event. Shannon inquired about the purpose of the event and Mark stated it was just a neighborhood association party. Just a family fun night like the one they had last year. Brad inquired about the hours to confirm it was 6 – 8 pm. James inquired about the date and Mark stated it was next Tuesday night on the 23rd. Mark inquired if there would be any alcohol and Mark K replied absolutely not. Shannon asked if he would say he was doing security and Mark stated yes. He would be around and they have a volunteer fireman, Tom Sheridan that owns Gibson's and they will have plenty of volunteers to help out.

Brad stated an event like this puts us in an interesting situation. It is a neighborhood event in the park so we still need to look at how do we approve an event like this. When do we go from a group in the park to an official event and how we regulate that? Brad asked if there were any thoughts or discussions. Mark stated he believed the difference is if it was a group of individuals that happened to gather in the park at the same time the it's not an event. If it's publicized and you're inviting the public to come then it's a party and would probably need event approval. Mark K stated they definitely wanted approval because they already put it on Facebook and everything. Brad stated this would be considered an event in his mind and that seems to be the consensus. He's pretty sure the paperwork has not been completed but he's sure if requested they could get with Nikki to get it taken care of. Brad inquired if Nikki knew of any conflict with this event and she stated not that she knew of. Brad asked if Carl had any questions or concerns and Carl stated he was fine as long as the Board made a decision and providing they complete the paperwork as that's how we've done all the other ones. Brad asked if we could look into the status of the bathroom and get that open for their event. Shannon suggested they keep the noise down to prevent any complaints.

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

Shannon stated she submitted a grant for painting supplies for Tuhey Pool. It's a \$25,000 grant submitted through Community Foundation and we should hear back by September 20, 2022 and will let everyone know.

Meeting was adjourned by Brad Marshall, President.

*** Next Park Board meeting is currently scheduled for September 20, 2022 at 6 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium.**



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PARKS SECURITY CAMERA UPDATES

Tuhey Pool -2 Cameras Installed inside the Pool area.

- Date of Installation: July 2022
 - Carl Malone, Dr. Shannon Powers, George Foley and the Muncie Police have access to the cameras at Tuhey Pool on their PC's.

Morningside Park – 3 Cameras will be installed.

- Date of Installation: August 15, 2022
 - Installation took some time because we had to purchase a cage to protect the router from weather and theft. This router had to be installed at the shelter.

Thomas Park | Heekin Park | Cooley Park

- These (3) parks require construction before cameras can be installed by Xfinity. The reason for construction is all (3) areas of the buildings where Wi-Fi must be installed are more than 250 ft away from previous transmitters. Xfinity is unable to confirm the dates of construction work, but we will email the Parks Board as soon as we receive dates for all three areas.



Muncie Parks & Recreation Proposed Fee List

Vendor Permit	\$25.00
Tables	\$5.00 per table/per day (top & 2 horses)
Bleachers (Wood)	\$50.00 per day
Bleachers (Metal)	\$75.00 per day
4' x 8' Stage Platforms (Wood)	\$50.00 per day
Additional stage sections	\$10.00 per day/ per section
Stage (Metal)	\$75.00 per day
Port-a-Pots (Pump toilet)	\$40.00 each
Tent (Large)	\$
Tent (10x10 pop up)	\$

CABIN RENTAL INFORMATION AND FEES

<u>CABIN #2 (Heekin Park)</u>		Fire Station				Holds 20 people
Rental Fees:	Mon-Sun	10am-4pm	<u>Half-day</u>	<u>All day</u>		Has
		5pm-11pm	\$122.80	\$160.25		20 chairs 4 tables
	Mon-Sun	10am-11pm (ALL DAY)				
<u>CABIN #3 (Heekin Park)</u>						Holds 100 people
Rental Fees:	Mon-Sun	10am-4pm	<u>Half-day</u>	<u>All day</u>		Has
		5pm-11pm	\$165.60	\$240.50		100 chairs/12 tables Ramp, Kitchen, Bathroom, 10x10 stage
	Mon-Sun	10am-11pm (ALL DAY)				
<u>CABIN #4 (Heekin Park)</u>						Holds 100 people
Damage Deposit:						Has
Rental Fees:	Mon-Sun	10am-4pm	<u>Half-day</u>	<u>All day</u>		100 chairs 12 tables
		5pm-11pm	\$133.50	\$181.65		
	Mon-Sun	10am-11pm (ALL DAY)				
<u>CABIN #5 (Heekin Park)</u>						Holds 50 people
Rental Fees:	Mon-Sun	10am-4pm	<u>Half-day</u>	<u>All day</u>		Has
		5pm-11pm	\$128.15	\$170.95		50 chairs 6 tables
	Mon-Sun	10am-11pm (ALL DAY)				
<u>CABIN #6 (McCulloch Park)</u>		AVAILABLE 6/4 - 9/25/22				Holds 100 people
Rental Fees:	Mon-Sun	9am-3pm	<u>Half-day</u>	<u>All day</u>		Has
		4pm-10pm	\$165.60	\$240.50		100 chairs 12 tables Kitchen, Bathroom
	Mon-Sun	9am-10pm (ALL DAY)				

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Park Projects

<u>Morningside Repairs</u>	<u>Anthony Equin.</u>	<u>Halteman Pickleball</u>	<u>Jacks Upgrade</u>	<u>Cowling upgrades</u>	<u>Heekin Pickleball</u>	<u>Ball Corp Soccer</u>	<u>Skate Park</u>	<u>Tuhey Repairs</u>
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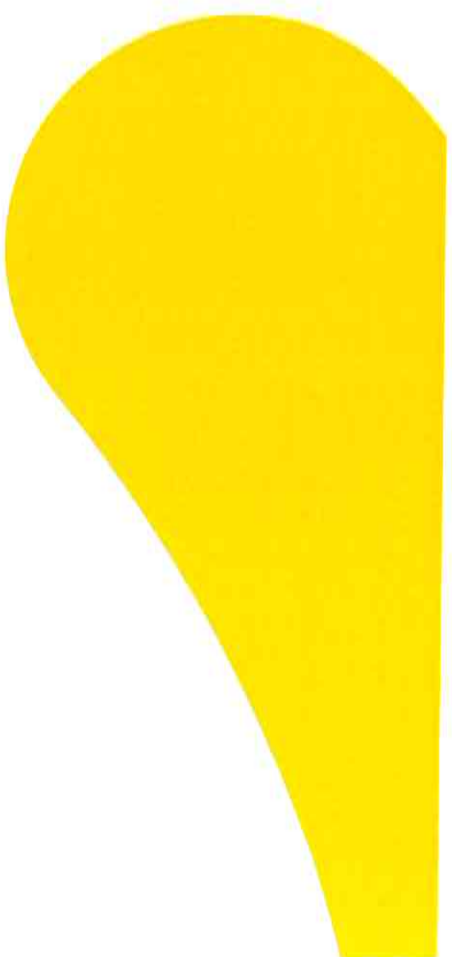
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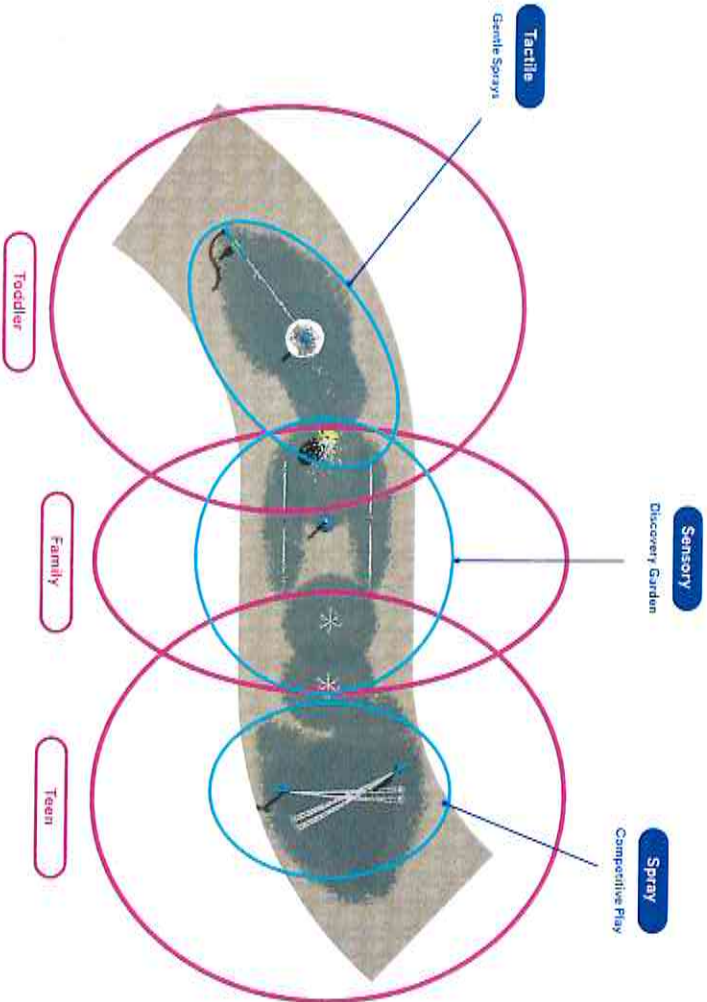
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