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Superintendent: Carl Malone

Muncie Park & Recreation Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

City Hall Auditorium

- (1) Call to Order
- (2) Pledge of Allegiance
- (3) Roll Call
- (4) Approval of the minutes from (May 2021) Park Board Meeting
- (5) Superintendent Report – Carl Malone
- (6) Park Facility Request – George Foley
- (7) Prairie Creek – Dustin Clark
- (8) Old Business – Park Department Update
 - Tuhey Pool Update
 - Cooley Park Update
 - Summer Program Overview – George Foley
- (9) New Business
 - Park Event Security Guidelines – Park Board Review
- (10) Other Business – This is a call to the Audience that may have items that need approved from Parks & Recreation Board.
- (11) Action Items – None
- (12) Public Input – (3) minute 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, June 20, 2021 (6:00 p.m.) - City Hall Auditorium

Muncie Park & Recreation Board

Meeting

June 15, 2021 6p.m.

City Hall Auditorium

- 1. CALL TO ORDER-** President Brad Marshall called meeting to order at 6:22p.m. due to conflict of using room with the Merit meeting with Police
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –** All stood for the Pledge
- 3. ROLL CALL-**Present was President Brad Marshall, Vice President Adrian Leavell Dr. Shannon Powers. Absent were Yolanda Carey and Mark Ervin.
- 4. APPROVAL OF PARKS BOARD MINUTES-** Vote taken by all Board members present. Motion carries. Approved by all members present.
- 5. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT-** Carl Malone See Report.

Carl stated the Parks dept. is having trouble getting Mulch for Parks. We will be getting mulch in two to three week.

Cooley Park- The metal roof is being put on and as soon as that is complete the City engineer will complete the splash pad.

Carl also stated he wanted to thank the Board again for the help with the Five Year Plan and bringing George in as Program Director. He has done a wonderful job with hiring people to help with the kids programs including the mentoring part the actual program itself and the employment part.

Highlights-

Heekin Park- June 19, 2021- Juneteeth

Morningside Park- June 22, 2021- Union Chapel is helping with repairs.
One of the things they are requesting at Morningside is ADA swings for the park. We do have the swings on order for the park.

McCulloch Park- June 26, 2021 Black Music Month Celebration George Foley is the contact person helping with this event.

Heekin Park July 9-11th 2021-Soul Bowl Basketball Tournament- We want to make sure it is a safe event with security.

Ball Corp Park- June 10th, 2021- John Frank Football Tournament This is the second season for the John Frank Football league and it has been very successful.

Brad asked a question about the attendance is with Summer Program. Carl stated was great the mentor part and the financing part of it the kids are getting a feel of what it's like. The leaders and George are doing a great deal with teaching them how to manage money. The kids are working different places every week as well. Adrian asked about the how many kids were hired and Carl stated 200 kids.

Flower beds at Heekin are being done at the entry's to every park.

Dr. Shannon Powers asked about the thousand trees in a thousand days how that was going. Carl stated its slow Kellie was off on medical leave. They did some at Heekin and the Reviver and Chris is doing Cooley. It is slow but will pick back up now that Kellie is back.

6. PARK FACILITY REQUEST- George Foley No new request The Park is still waiting on the proof of security for Stop the Violence. Jerel Jerigan is not here and we have given him ten days to give us proof of security. Brad Marshall stated that was for June 4th event and Jerel did not have that event. George state that was correct. Brad Marshall also asked about the open item for July 23rd Stop the Violence without him here and no action from him there is no reason to take it off the table just leave it there. He has one more meeting before the event.

Adrian stated he had received several calls about this event and social media people stated the Parks Board had denied the event and he wants the public to know, the Board did not deny this event. We asked him to check into security and he did not do that. We are willing to work with him but he did not bring in what the Board asked for.

7. PRAIRIE CREEK-Dustin Clark – He is not able to attend meeting do to prior commitments so Carl gave update. There has been discussion on having Ron Bonham day at Prairie Creek and they have decided to have that event on July 3rd, 2021 and want the Board to approve it. Chief police has the security for this event. We will be working with Dustin for this event. It is hosted by the City of Muncie. Dr. Shannon Powers asked if it was a free event. Carl stated yes. It's at the Beach. Dr. Shannon Powers asked what the

expected attendance is. Carl stated around four hundred people. The camp site individual people will be there to support this event. The Board took a vote to approve this event and all Board members present approved it.

Carl stated there is an update at Holtman. Playground equipment has been put in place. Mulch has been added. Communication between neighborhood association the city of Muncie Brian Hotopp and Dustin Clark has been great. CRG is going to resurface the Basketball court. One of the tennis courts will stay for Pickle Ball. No questions.

Brad also said that the fishing pier at Prairie Creek is still being worked on. See report.

8. OLD BUSINESS- PARKS DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Summer Program- George Foley gave report on the summer mentor and employment program. They hired two hundred kids from the ages of twelve to sixteen. This is the third week of the program. We partnered with Mitz for transportation to and from jobs. We have partnered with YMCA, YWCA, Mena Trista, Cornerstone Victory Labs and a couple more organizations, The Muncie Housing Authority's. The kids are working at these areas and have heard nothing but good things .Thrive Credit Union First Merchants Bank have come in and financial literacy for the kids. Enovation Connector come and talked with the kids about the Steam program and called it Astem program for the Arts so kids could sign up for the Astem program. Rhonda Ward is coming to talk to kid about college opportunities. Ivey Tech Wayne Johnson and Jason Haney to talk about skill trade. Not everyone will go to college coming out of high school. Also we are talking about Ball State football couch and players coming for our last day of celebration on July 9th from 12 pm to 3pm with our kids. We would like to invite the Board members to come out and celebrate with us. That is the last day of the program at Muncie Central. George wants to thank Muncie Central for allowing the kids to meet for mentor day and they are also feeding the kids breakfast and lunch as well. The City has been wonderful with this program and helping the kids. We are giving them learning experience that when they go out to get a job, they have some kind of idea what to expect. Half of the kids have banking accounts that is a partnership with the NAACP. Teaching them the financial part.

Foot Ball is going well with John Franks. It is six week program. 4 weeks at Ball Corp. We have two dates July 3rd and the 11th. We are doing a combined with K through fourth grade at Central football field with the lights on. We will give trophies out for the best 40. They're not going to do

bench presses. They are doing pushups. They will do six events and Centrals football team will help with this. We have about one hundred and thirty kids signed up for football and one hundred and forty signed up for the combined which will be June 24, 21 and July 22, 21. We did a basketball camp with Tyronda Benning at the Gym on twenty six street. She had forty kids signed up for that. It was a three day youth camp. We still have Pickle Ball coming in late June and Tennis next month. Programming is going really well in the Parks. Kids are using the Parks and that is what we want. We are trying to give them as many activity's in the Parks as we can.

9. NEW BUSINESS- Park Event Security guide lines- Park Board review -
The guide line for Park Security event has not been updated for a long time.

We need to update this for mostly larger events. Smaller family events would be at the discussion of the Board members. This is for the safety of everyone involved in events. Dr. Shannon Powers stated this form should be on the City webb site for people to access this and be able to send it electronically to the Park office.

George stated it would be a fillable document after the Board and whoever else has to approve it.

Brad Marshall stated it use to be on the webb site and it got removed. The hard copy is at the Park office.

Dr. Shannon Powers last month submitted on behalf of the Parks Board Land Water conservation fund federal grant. We should hear in Sept or late Aug. if the grant was approved and it is a matching grant. Dr. Shannon Powers would like to form a committee for another grant which is the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership program. The purpose for this is to revitalize an underserved community park. It is pretty wide in what we can do in terms of amenities. It's a fifty fifty matching grant so we would have to raise fifty percent of the money which could come from partnerships with nonprofit organizations capital campaign funds. I will post on the Parks Face book page for a call out for the community formation to determine where to focus this effort and what we want in the Park.

10. Other Business- This is a call to audience that may have items that need approved from Parks & Recreation Board. None

11. Action Items-None

12. Public Input- 3 minute limit- Please state your name and address -

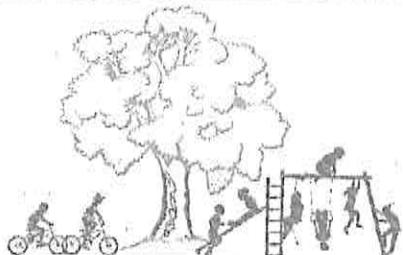
Ro Selvey 2501 W. Petty Rd. Muncie City Council person. She would like to thank the Board Carl Malone Mr. Foley and all the interns for all of their hard work. The kids program is amazing as an educator I am hearing from the parents of the students they are happy the kids are active in all these events in the park. She has concerns about Tuhey Pool. She has been contacted by people concerning refunds and shortage of life guards which is all over the state due to Covid. The concern is with the kid pool but as I was talking to people here tonight that problem has been taken care of. My next concern is the Splash pad needing fixed and I'm sure you will fix it soon. Dr. Shannon Powers stated the only reason isn't open is for safety purposes. The surface of the splash pad is too slick and kids could fall. It was built in 2008 and the standards have changed for safety for the surface of splash pads.

Adrian had a question about refunds. Ro Selvey stated she spoke with a person about paying to get in to Tuhey and shortly after arriving they had to leave and was not refunded their money. There was another time when a person paid to get in and later found out that sense they were member of the YMCA they didn't have to pay. Ro stated if there was better communication it would have not been a problem.

Carl stated he spoke with that person and explained to her the process and she was ok with that. Carl also spoke with the Pool manager so if it happens again they will be ready. There are things the Pool manager is working through as far as posting rules and posting about the YMCA being free to members.

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*** Next meeting July 27, 2021 6 p.m. City Hall Auditorium**



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Superintendent Report

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Parks

Muncie Parks and Recreation staff have been busy with our mowing and maintenance of our 31 Parks. Our Seasonal Staff have been hired to assist with our upkeep of City Parks. We continue to see vandalism and graffiti at our City Parks. We are in the process of ordering Playground Mulch to upgrade several Playground s that are in need.

Cooley Park Project

We continue to make improvements and upgrades at the Cooley Park site. The Street Department have made several construction upgrades i.e. – Splash Park location and upgrade Z'Water line extended to wall of splash pad, walking path, basketball court to be installed. Concession Building work being completed – i.e restroom, roofing, electric, plumbing and painting.

Parks and Recreation

We have started our Summer Program on June 3rd, 2021 at Muncie Central High School. First Merchants came and provided mentoring and financial literacy, budget during our Employment and Mentor Program. We have started our 7 Sports Youth Series, partnering with Muncie Sports Commission and the Muncie YMCA.

Tuhey Pool

We opened Memorial Day Weekend with several challenges. We had poor weather all weekend. Decisions were made to open and close due to safety guidelines. We also, had some mechanical issue that affected closing of the waterslide, kiddie pool. We have made repairs to our slide. The Kiddie Pool is ready for inspection by the Delaware Health Department this week

Highlights

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- Morningside Park – June 22, 2021 – Union Chapel
- McCulloch Park – June 26, 2021 – Black Music Month Celebration
- Heekin Park – July 9th – 11th, 2021 – Soul Bowl Basketball Tournament
- Ball Corp. Park – June 10, 2021 – John Frank Football League

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

Carl Malone
Superintendent
Muncie Parks and Recreation

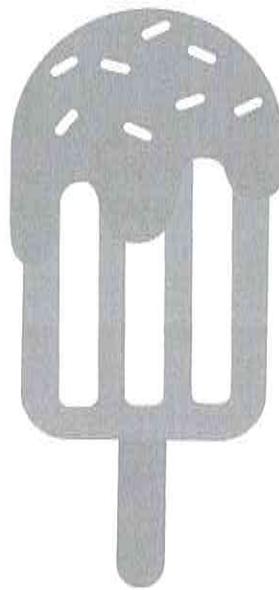
Park Board Meeting Public Input Sign In Sheet

Date: May 18, 21

Name (Please Print)

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ARE PROUD TO PRESENT

Ron Bonham Day

A festival of food & fun all celebrated under the sun

FREE BEACH, FISHING, CONCERT, & BOAT LAUNCH

**JULY 3RD, 2021 | STARTS AT 4PM
PRAIRIE CREEK-NORTHSORE CAMPGROUND**

Usher in an epic summer season with a
fantastic fireworks show, Music, Children's Bounce
House, Prizes, and Food vendors. A full day that's
perfect FOR the whole family!

Accessible Fishing Pier Status Update and Timeline

Over the years, complications from environmental wave action and winter ice have impacted the accessible fishing pier. To prevent further damage, we hired an outside barge company to disassemble and store the pier in the southern cove, each season. This happened on an annual basis.

The repeated assembly and disassembly of the pier resulted in damage. This damage compounded over the years. After evaluating the situation, we realized that this process could lead to a permanent loss of the pier, at an estimated cost of \$150,000 - \$200,000. In addition, we noted that the pier's previous location did not include nearby ADA accessible parking. Moreover, the previous pier location was a substantial distance to the nearest ADA compliant restroom.

Consequently, we moved the pier to a more stable location, which was not subject to the environmental forces previously mentioned. This new site also provided a more suitable location for guests with disabilities. In addition, this site is closer to the new PCR office, bait house, and north / south shore campgrounds. The new site location and additional installation of ADA parking provides guests year-round unrestricted access to the pier.

In our evaluation this move provided more advantages to guests and a sustainable solution for the park.

A timeline of relevant activities is listed below.

- March 22nd - Pier moved to cove.
- March 26th - American asphalt contacted.
- April 3rd - Site work started by contractor.
- April 7th - ADA Path contractor started.
- April 9th - Concern from a citizen brought to PCR staff attention.
- April 16th - Meeting with PCR staff, City Council, and concerned citizen.
- April 17th - PCR leadership met with contractor to ensure ADA compliance.
- April 19th - Meeting with PCR staff, City Engineer and American Asphalt to discuss slow and grade requirements.
- April 20th - Doubled the number of ADA compliant parking spaces.
- April 26th - City Engineer, PCR, and American Asphalt on-site meeting with survey equipment.
- April 27th - ADA path contractor adjusted design to the east to meet correct grade and slope.
- May 3rd - Follow-up meeting with PCR, City Engineer, American Asphalt, and dock contractor to align project timelines.
- May 11th - Followed up with dock contract requesting timeline for ramp delivery.
- May 13th - Additional on-site meeting with City Engineer for the ADA slope inspection.
- May 26th - ADA path contractor made finalized work due to code.
- May 28th - Architect returned information to Pridemark on handrail fabrication request.
- June 4th - Follow up emails sent to contracts requesting latest information.

As noted in the timeline above, this process involves multiple officials and companies. It also involved multiple follow ups with contractors checking on status of materials and project timelines.

Items Left to Complete:

- Handrail fabrication and installation
- Gang ramp installation
- ADA compliant sign installation
- Final grass seeding and landscaping