

# **Muncie Park & Recreation Board Meeting**

**March 15, 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 President Brad Marshall, Mark Ervin and Dr. Shannon Powers, James Lutton and Chandra Parks.
- 4. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> BOARD MINUTES-** Vote was taken by all Board members present. Motion carries. Motion approved by all members present.
- 5. PROCLAMATION – Deputy Mayor Richard Ivy**

Proclamation from the City of Muncie declaring March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as 3<sup>rd</sup> and 11 Day. Proclamation awarded by Mayor Ridenour and Deputy Mayor Ivy to Brandon Hayes for all his hard work and dedication to the youth of Muncie. Mr. Hayes is a retired NFL player with the Indianapolis Colts and Muncie native that has provided mentorship and various football programs for the youth in collaboration with the Muncie Parks and Recreation Department. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 11 was set up to help the local youth physically, educationally and mentally in an effort to help them develop healthy lifestyles, a positive self image, a sense of belonging and sense of competence.

Brandon Hayes accepted the proclamation from Deputy Mayor Ivy and extended his thanks to the City of Muncie. Mr. Hayes stated he wants to give back to his community and help the youth of Muncie go further than he did.

Brad extended his thank you to Mr. Hayes for all his hard work and for working with George on programming and engaging the youth and giving them activities to do in the community.

## **6. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Carl Malone, Superintendent**

- Brandon Hayes has played an important role in the community since returning after his time in the NFL and has been a hands-on contributor to the youth of Muncie. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 11 has been an awesome program for the youth and has engaged them and their parents. It is a great program for partnership for future city-wide park programming.
- The last three or four weeks our staff has been busy getting ready for the move to Centennial. We had to wait until Sanitation was completely out of the building which is set for this week. We are awaiting the transfer of the phone and computer lines and getting the security set up with Sonitrol.
- Our Admin team has reviewed the budget and we believe we can absorb the cost for camera monitoring in the parks we've had some issues of increased vandalism beginning with Cooley, Morningside, Thomas and Heekin. Due to the water we will be adding Tuhey as well. We've also had talks with the Chief of Police to ensure we have uniformity in terms of if he is called out can he access the footage as well.
- We met with Buddenbaum Moore today at Tuhey regarding opening for the season. We will be working with them and the YMCA to make necessary changes.
- Tuhey we are working on due to trying to open the splash pad in April and we have repairs to be made and safety signs that need to go up.
- Morningside – ADA ramps will be going in to increase handicapped accessibility
- Cooley – install the ADA path from the restroom to the splash pad and finish some work on the shade structure.
- Halteman – finishing up the bathhouse renovation and sometime down the road the Neighborhood Association is going to install a pickleball/tennis court. JB Hall says it is on the list but there is no timeline yet.
- Skate Park – Still in the talking phase at this point. The money set aside by the Mayor is there and the organization is trying to seek the rest of the funds.
- Heekin – there is still a lot of work that needs to be done. We are discussing with the Neighborhood Association security which is a big issue for them and will be getting the camera put in as soon as possible. The Memory Spiral is coming soon with the help of the Zigler Foundation. Construction should begin in the next few weeks.

Shannon inquired if there was a date for the water to be turned on at Emerson Dog Park. Carl stated they are currently working on it as some repairs are being made. The meter is set to be turned on for the lights and the water at several parks should be turned on in the next few weeks. They are currently working on some leaks and repairs at Tuhey as well.

## **7. URBAN FORESTRY UPDATE – Kellie McClellan and Chris Meadows**

- Kellie and Chris introduced themselves to the Board and the public and explained what their team does. Kellie has been with the City for 20 years and Chris has been with the City for 15 years.
- Received a grant from the State in 2021 and recently conducted a tree inventory for the city this past fall. They are over 14,000 City trees. 4,000 of those trees are in the Parks, Prairie Creek and Beech Grove Cemetery and 9,000 are on the streets.
- Current projects include the removal of three trees at Heekin Park for the Memory Spiral. They will be at Prairie Creek removing dangerous trees for the next two weeks and one by the lake that Dustin wants removed. They are trying to get everything complete prior to camper move-in.
- 1,000 Trees in 1,000 Days Program is on track. They planted 1/3 of the trees last year.
- Some of the issues they are encountering are raised headstones at Beech Grove which makes it difficult to get trucks into those spaces. They may need to hire or contract a climber. The Walking Trail at Prairie Creek has some trees that need to come down but they can't get their trucks in. Prairie Creek they have to work around the campers and some residents are nailing and hanging things onto the trees which causes damage to them. They have encountered bolts, screws, nails, dog chains and pavers which have been there so long the trees have grown through them. As we plant these new trees we have to make sure we have the manpower and equipment to water all the trees being planted.
- Our team is just the two of them and in addition to their work they are also called out to help other departments, the bus company, the Street Department and Sewer Maintenance. So they have to prioritize the primary roads by schools, etc.
- The Chapter 97 Tree Ordinance is on file with the City Clerk
- The Urban Forestry Board meets every third Wednesday of the month which is the day after the Parks Board meeting in the Mayor's conference room. Carl Malone and Dustin Clark both sit on the Urban Forestry Committee.

Shannon inquired if there was anything they needed from the Board. Kellie stated they needed people to help water and another water truck. If we're going to plant these trees we need to be able to ensure they survive. The budget to contract tree work was \$45,000 but it has been reduced to \$20,000 which doesn't do much. That amount will be used up with one bad storm. Shannon inquired if Kellie could provide a budget of what is needed so the Board can create some strategic planning for funding. Kellie said she would do that as she knows the budget is small and tight.

Kellie stated they would be reimbursed \$25,000 from the State Grant. Money comes from all Arborists in the city must be licensed and insured. This came about after the ice storm of 2010 as a lot of elderly people were ripped off, so City Council put it in place that anyone who works for hire doing tree work must be licensed and insured. We do put that money back into the tree program but having more money to contract out work would be great.

Brad stated he appreciated the update. The report they received at the end of last year that had a lot of information to digest and knows they are working diligently on the plan.

Chandra commented she has seen the team at work and she appreciates the work they do to beautify the city by taking care of the trees as it is a lot of work.

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

Brad stated there has been a lot of discussion surrounding the cheater boxes at Prairie Creek and read a statement by the Mayor banning the use of them.

- We're continuing to work on the docks as the weather breaks. We are hiring more employees and were able to replace a fulltime employee and they have their CDL. Now we have two CDL drivers. We have some new office staff and are still hiring for summer positions.
- They are getting about 20 docks per day put in. The process is moving faster since they added new employees but would like to add a few more so we can have six on one crew with decking following.
- Ashley presented events for approval by the Board.

**King Midget Cars** is requesting the use of Prairie Creek beach parking lot on June 17, 2022 from 4-7 pm for their Midget Car Show. They have an expected attendance of 25 – 30 cars. It is an event that will be free and open to the public.

Shannon inquired about swimmer access and Ashley stated they could still swim as the Beach House wasn't being used.

Mark inquired about the car size and Ashley stated they were very small. Mark inquired if they have a track they drive on and Ashley stated she believes they run on the regular road.

Chandra inquired if they will have any other type of entertainment like music or food and Ashley said that was not on the request.



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

**Hope of Delaware Fundraiser (non-profit)** is requesting the use of Prairie Creek beach area on July 23, 2022 from 7 – 9 pm for their Backpack Drive and Concert. They are requesting the stage and bleachers and will pay the fee if requested. They are a non-profit and will sell grilled foods (hot dogs/hamburgers) to generate funds for backpacks for kids.

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

**Hope of Delaware Fundraiser (non-profit)** is requesting the use of Prairie Creek beach and picnic area on June 18, 2022 from 8 am – 3 pm for their 5K Walk/Run for Family Alliance & Allies to benefit survivors of sex trafficking and to assist single mothers get education to get back into the work force. They will sell grilled foods (hot dogs/hamburgers) and are requesting the use of the stage.

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

Brad inquired if there was target or scheduled date for the docks to be in and Ashley stated they always shoot for May 1<sup>st</sup>. The weather is currently cooperating so she is hoping it continues.

Ashley reported that the lottery has gotten a lot of attention. They currently have 354 entries for docks and 184 entries for campsites.

## **9. PARK FACILITY REQUEST – George Foley, Programs Director**

Mr. Foley presented one event for Parks Department for approval by the Board.

**Black Music Month Celebration by Forward Visions** is requesting the use of McCulloch Park on June 25, 2022 from 12 – 9 pm for their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration. It is a partnership event with the Parks Department for this live music celebration. They will be giving away five \$1,000 music scholarships to youth interesting in playing an instrument or taking singing lessons. They are expecting approximately 500 people and it is free to the public. The Sheriff's Department will assist with security. They expect to have 3 – 5 food vendors and various non-food vendors and they will provide those

names as they receive them. They are requesting the use of the metal stage and the two metal bleachers and port-a-pots.

Shannon inquired if he had discussed renting the stage and bleacher and George stated they have agreed to pay the fee if there is one.

Brad inquired if we've had any past issues or conflicts with the event and George stated there have been no issues whatsoever. The event attracts people of all ages. People come out and bring their grills to cook their own food and we set out barrels for them to put their coals in.

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

#### **10. PROGRAMMING – George Foley, Programs Director**

Mr. Foley presented information regarding various upcoming Parks programs.

**Youth Summer Employment & Mentor Program** - We currently have 75 applications so far. The last day to submit applications is April 1, 2022 and we will begin doing interviews the following week. We switched things up this year as we will hire 100 kids and they will be working two days a week. On Wednesdays we will have mentor day that is mandatory for them to attend in order to work on Thursday and Friday. Purdue Extension will be providing the STEM sessions for three weeks and Thrive Credit Union will be providing financial literacy sessions for three weeks. The program hub will be Northside Middle School as Muncie Central will be undergoing renovations on their cafeteria. We will partner with MITS to transport the workers to and from their site.

**Youth Soccer – Friends of Conley** is having signups for their summer session. They are accepting applications and payment on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 – 6 pm in Cabin 5 at Heekin Park.

**Lifeguard Certification Program** signup is going on now for this certification class which has a \$200 value. The classes will be held at Muncie Central. The fees will be waived for applicants and they can possibly be hired as lifeguards for Tuhey Pool and Prairie Creek. We did a radio interview with Steve Lindell and mentioned the program to get the word out.

**Mental Health 5K Walk/Run** will be held on 5/14/22 and signups are going on now. Registration is \$25 per person or \$50 for a family of 4. They will start at McCulloch going to Cardinal Greenway and back. There will be a DJ and healthy snacks at the Cabin. The funds raised will go to the Parks Foundation and Recovery Café Muncie. People can sign up at the [naacpmuncie](http://naacpmuncie.com) website.

**Basketball Camp** will take place this summer. We've talked to the Athletic Director at Muncie Central and also with Chandler Thompson who will bring out some players to help. It will be two days a week at Heekin Park for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders.

**Football Camp** with Brandon Hayes

**Flag Football** with John Frank

We wanted to do Pickle Ball but we don't have enough courts at this time but hope to be able to incorporate it next year.

**Baseball Programs** with The Barn Academy and Tom Terrell to have multiple programs this summer. We will be using Thomas Park and Southside has agreed to let us use their fields as well. Barn Academy will be using Heekin Park for workouts with the youth and started this past weekend.

Chandra inquired if the youth from the Summer Work Program can work with Urban Forestry with watering and George stated it was a possibility but it would have to be the older high school students.

Shannon inquired about a Senior Volunteer Program that could possibly help as well. Programming for Seniors is highlighted in the 5 Year Plan as we received 1300 survey responses stating they wanted to volunteer in the parks. We need to sit down and discuss how we can get some of the community groups to volunteer with our Tree Program and the beautification some of those respondents mentioned.

George stated we have been doing some programming for the Seniors. We had some exercise classes in Cabin 3 during January and February with Lynn Whitey and LifeStream wants to come on board to do some programming as well. We are thinking about starting a Walk Club for Seniors in the various parks.

Chandra inquired if there was a number we are getting certified as Lifeguards. Shannon stated it would be 25 and in exchange they will work at Tuhey.

## **11. OLD BUSINESS**

- There was no old business on the table.

## **12. NEW BUSINESS – Deputy Mayor Richard Ivy**

Deputy Mayor Ivy presented updates on the Lafferty Field Upgrade and finalization of the Cal Ripken Foundation Contract.

- Contract has been completed with Mark's help. Brad signed it tonight and I will get the signature from Board of Works tomorrow. Then will send the fully executed contract back to them.
- Minor ground breaking ceremony scheduled for the week of the 21<sup>st</sup>.
- We will reach out to the Parks Board when we get the date for the ground breaking ceremony.

Brad inquired if there is a target completion date and Deputy Mayor Ivy stated they have moved us up by 30 days and expect for it to be completed in June. He stated they don't know when the ribbon cutting ceremony will be as there are so many people to invite and schedules to get together as Mr. Ripken will be here that day. We will most likely be able to utilize the field before the ribbon cutting ceremony but will not until after the ceremony.

Carl asked Deputy Mayor Ivy to discuss the work that was done this past week at Lafferty Field. Deputy Mayor Ivy stated once we were notified that the schedule was moved up from April 15<sup>th</sup> to March 21<sup>st</sup>, (we were targeting to remove the fence in house on April 1<sup>st</sup>) but the Building Commissioner stepped up and sent two employees with experience in removing fencing and was backed by the Parks Department. They were able to get all the fencing down in 14 hours and delivered it to the Senior Center. As a member of the Senior Center Board he thanked the Building Commissioner and Parks Department for a great collaborative effort.

Brad stated Mark inquired if the Board needed to vote on this item and but he believed they did not as the contract was being signed and approved by the Board of Works which supersedes the Parks Board. Deputy Mayor Ivy agreed as the contract was approved by Board of Works

### **13. OTHER BUSINESS – None presented**

There was no other business presented.

### **14. ACTION ITEMS - None presented**

### **15. PUBLIC INPUT – 3 minute time limit**

**Rebecca Meadows** – wanted to follow-up on the issues raised in meeting last month on behalf of the Prairie Creek campers. She stated there still has not been any resolve regarding the lease agreement which is peppered with language that is incorrect. She states there was a meeting on Saturday in which Dustin and Ashley agreed the language in certain spots was incorrect. She wants to know why they are being asked to sign a legal document with incorrect language. She implored the Board to take action so they



would not have to sign a document that isn't legal. She stated she sent Dustin a 33 page email last month to which she didn't get a response until yesterday.

Brad inquired if Mark had any comments or recommendations. Mark stated he doesn't recall receiving the email but would like to as there seems to be some valid concerns. Rebecca stated their leases are due in two weeks which is before the next meeting but they are being asked to sign it and pay.

Shannon inquired if she had gone through it line by line and Rebecca stated she had and that's why the email was 33 pages. Shannon asked if they went through the language together at the meeting this weekend for mutual agreement. Rebecca stated that although Carl suggested at the last Parks Board meeting for there to be a meeting for better communication but Prairie Creek management didn't schedule one but Councilman Ingram did. We showed up and they had us in the smallest room available and the lease wasn't discussed.

Brad stated at this time we can't change anything today. You have a contract in hand, if you don't want to sign it that is an option. If you have revisions you would like to file with legal that is an option as well. As a Board we will review it with our legal and there may be an opportunity to have a Special Meeting before the contracts are due.

Carl requested a Special Meeting be scheduled once the Board was able to review the email to be fair to everyone. Shannon and Mark agreed that would be appropriate to take a look at it and review it. Shannon requested the email be resent and Nikki (Secretary) stated she would resend it as it was originally forwarded from the main email account.

**Mike Anderson** – stated he appreciates the job the Board does and he wished he didn't have to be before them complaining.

Mike has concerns regarding Prairie Creek electrical issues he has had and has reported for the past six years. Forty spaces have been added but the power issue still hasn't been addressed. He stated they have added 40 new full time spots and he wonders where the money has been going since the electrical issue hasn't been fixed.

Mike stated he heard the American Relief Fund gave the City of Muncie \$32,000,000 and doesn't know if it's true as the communication is lacking as all they hear is rumors surrounding what is going on. He heard Dustin received \$400,000 to put the 50 new spots in while the existing park is out of regulation as there should be another bath house/shower house and dump station with the addition of the last 40 slots. He also stated the well water is not safe to drink due to sulfur and iron content. He inquired if 50 new spots were being put in to make money for the electrical system and Brad answered projects are in plan for the South Shore. He inquired if they thought they

would make money off of it and Brad answered that it was still in development. He stated they have quotes in for infrastructure on the North Shore and they are expensive. He stated it wasn't something that got broke overnight and it won't be fixed overnight. He stated right now there are two options: 1) provide the 30 amp service available or 2) turn off the electric and not use it at all. Those are the two options we have today. We are trying to get by with what we have and it is going to take all the campers to be mindful and cautious of what they're using. Everyone knows they are plugging a 50 amp camper into 30 amp service and it's going to take the village to maintain the service. Any reduction in electric at the campsite is a direct reduction in revenue available for Prairie Creek as all the money from there stays there.

Mike inquired where the \$240,000 generated from the last 40 spots added and Brad stated it continues the maintenance out there. Mike said he understood that but they didn't get the additional bath house, dumping station or anything they were promised. He stated they keep being promised things but nothing ever happens. Brad interjected that rates also haven't been increased either. Mike said he doesn't mind a rate increase if it goes to upgrading the electric grid.

Mike finished his time by stating he did sign the lease but if anything else in his camper catches on fire due to inadequate electricity he will be suing the City and the Parks Board.

Carl asked if we have considered raising the rates. He inquired if there has been a conversation between Prairie Creek and the City as this has been an ongoing problem for some years. He would like to get a plan in place to move forward and improve the power out there. Maybe it is time to increase rates and fix the problem. Brad said he believes that is something they should look into. He has personally looked into it and we are one of the most affordable in the area.

**Mark Kinman** – He had a talk with Carl while at Ball State about a meeting that was to take place at Prairie Creek. He kept looking at the Facebook page and called the office several times but was told by the young lady in the office she knew nothing about a special meeting coming up. Now he finds out there was a meeting this past Saturday that was called by Councilman Troy Ingram but it wasn't posted on the Prairie Creek page so he isn't sure how anyone found out about it as he would've attended if he had known. He stated the meeting schedule for Prairie Creek is not getting out and it should be posted on Facebook, in the newspaper and as many places as possible.

Mark K stated he didn't want to sign the lease because it didn't seem legal. He expressed an issue with the requirement for Proof of Registration which he states is on his boat which is wrapped and he isn't going to unwrap it to get a copy to the office by the deadline. The lease says he can't put his boat on the water unless the proof has been turned into the office although his boat is legal in the state. He stated he doesn't mind

bringing his registration in to the office once he unwraps his boat but if they try to keep him from putting his boat on the water there will be legal battles. He stated there are so many things in the lease that are contradictory to what he's been told before on several occasions.

Mark K then stated he went back to the June 2019 minutes in which Mr. Clark stated he had no problem with setting up a meeting for the dock holders but he hasn't heard about there being one. There has been one for the campers but not the dock holders. He also had issues with the questionnaire that was requested to be turned in with their payments. He said it was crazy to him. The questionnaire asks how they rate the security and how they would rate the customer service at Prairie Creek State. He said he only deals with the office when he turns his check in and wasn't sure why he needed to rate them. He stated if you wanted to ask us questions, ask us actual questions that pertains to Prairie Creek. The campers are paying thousands of dollars a year and the electricity is still an issue. Why can't we get floating docks put in? Why can't we spend money on fixing Prairie Creek? He stated his wife's family has been out there for years and things keep getting worse.

Brad asked Ashley to clarify the registration requirement. Ashley stated they can bring the registration into the office when they come back for the season. Shannon stated that the language should be stated in the contract not just verbalized. Mark K. read the phrase from the contract "Required for dock holders if this is not submitted a boat will not be permitted on the dock" which everyone agreed was clear. He asked if it is a beautiful day and he wants to put his boat in the lake he can't take it to the dock until he has submitted it and the Brad said that is correct. Mark E stated at that point his boat would be unwrapped to go to the dock. Brad stated he assumed he has his boat unwrapped before it goes into the water so he would have his registration available. Mark K said he wanted to make sure he had the rules right.

Mark K inquired where they were starting with putting the docks in this year. Are they doing it the same as always starting by the camp ground so his side by the sail boat club is going in last? He suggested they switch sides every year. Ashley replied they are skipping around based on the weather but they typically start by the camp ground. He said so they start at the camp grounds most of the time which is the windiest part and Dustin replied it is the area that gets the most sun so the ice comes off first. Brad stated it goes by weather accessibility, timelines, the workload we have and the historical experience with being able to get them in. Mark K stated there is no ice right now so they could start on his end now as he would like to get his boat on the water by May 1<sup>st</sup> and Brad interjected May 1<sup>st</sup> is the target date.

Mark K inquired about being required to have his boat out by October 31<sup>st</sup> or be charged \$100. He wanted to know why they would be charged for getting the boats out after that

and if they would be reimbursing the dock holders if they can't get in the lake by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Brad replied the language is covered in the lease and Mark K stated he felt it didn't cover the dock holders to have a one day reprieve to get their boats out the water, there should be some flexibility on both sides. Mark E stated they have 4 months to plan to get their boats out of the water. Ashley interjected that the pull out date is because their workers are out there right before Christmas pulling out docks. So every time someone pulls out late it pushes them out another week or more into the winter. There are times when they are busting ice to get the docks out. This is hazardous for the workers when they could plan a little in advance to get their boats out of the lake as most people aren't using their boats by the end of October. It's just having a little consideration for the workers because it is very hard work that they don't get paid nearly enough for. The workers start taking the docks out on November 1<sup>st</sup> and sometimes go until after January 1<sup>st</sup>. It's one of those things. They can't control the weather or the ice but they do their best.

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

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





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Superintendent: Carl Malone

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

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

**City Hall Auditorium**

- (1) Call to Order
- (2) Pledge of Allegiance
- (3) Roll Call
- (4) Approval of the minutes from (February 2022) Park Board Meeting.
- (5) Proclamation -Deputy Mayor for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 11 (Brandon Hayes)
- (6) Superintendent Report – Carl Malone
- (7) Urban Forestry Update – Kellie McClennan & Chris Meadows
- (8) Prairie Creek Report – Dustin Clark & Ashley Wright
- (9) Park Facility Request – George Foley
- (10) Programming – George Foley
- (11) Old Business
- (12) New Business
  - Cal Ripken Foundation Contract – Deputy Mayor Richard Ivy
- (13) Other Business – This is a call to the Audience that may have items that need Approved from Parks and Recreation Board
- (14) Action Items
- (15) 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.

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## Superintendent Report

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

### **Sanitation Renovation Project**

Muncie Sanitation Department will be completely moved out the week of March 14<sup>th</sup>. I spoke with Sanitation Superintendent Phil Reagan last week and he verified that March 15<sup>th</sup> would be the last day at the Centennial site. Muncie Parks and Recreation department are slated to move in the building after March 31<sup>st</sup>. Xfinity will be that the building on March 31<sup>st</sup> to install our internet and Wi-Fi.

Sonitrol Security will install Cloud Cameras in the next couple of weeks at Morningside Park and Cooley Park. We will also have security cameras installed at Tuhey Park, Thomas Park, and Heekin Park this year.

### **Tuhey Pool**

Muncie Parks will have our Pre-Opening meeting on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> with Buddenbaum & More LLC. We will discuss renovation, repairs, chemical treatment, and an automatic control change over the system. Dr. Shannon Powers wrote and approved for the Ball Foundation Rapid Grant to provide Lifeguard Certification opportunity. Opening date for Tuhey Pool will be May 28, 2022.

### **Park Updates**

#### **Tuhey Pool**

- Tuhey Pool Water Pit Lines need repairing
- Splash Pad surface need repairs
- Large Pool need repairs
- We need signs posted

### **Morningside Park**

- ADA Ramps needs to be installed at new shelter
- ADA path needs to be installed from the old shelter to the new shelter
- Parking lot gravel unloaded at the park
- Security cameras to be installed by Sonitrol

### **Cooley Park**

- ADA path needs to be installed from restrooms/concession stand to splash pad
- Shade structure surface is needed

### **Halteman Park**

- Bath House needs a new water service connected
- Renovations are needed inside the bath house
- Installation is needed for Pickleball-Tennis Court

### **Skate Park-Westside Park**

- Funding is needed for project
- We are meeting on March 22<sup>nd</sup> for a follow-up meeting

### **Heekin Park**

- Public Restrooms need to be ADA Compliant
- Basketball Court need re-surfacing
- Tennis Court needs replaced with Pickleball Courts and Tennis court
- Basketball Goals and Rims need installed
- Playground area needs drain system installed.
- Memory Spiral renovation at Heekin Park will start this week.

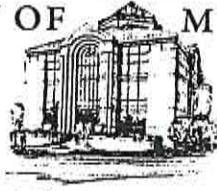
If the Board would have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the ParkOffice (765) 747-4858 or cell (765) 749-8490.

Carl Malone  
Superintendent  
Muncie Parks and Recreation



# Office of the Mayor

CITY OF MUNCIE



# Proclamation

WHEREAS, the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 11, Inc. was founded in 2021 to help assist youth physically, educationally, mentally and help give back to the community; and

WHEREAS, youth seek parents, friends, and community members to aid them in reaching important goals; and

WHEREAS, families and communities play vital roles in helping the youth develop healthy life styles, positive self image, sense of belonging and a sense of competence; and

WHEREAS, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 11, Inc. Day is special day set aside each year to encourage and remind the community the importance of investing in our youth and their development; and

WHEREAS, the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 11, Inc., comprising of Muncie Parks and Recreation, the City of Muncie and other leading youth-serving organizations, together reach thousands of youth through their services and community involvement; and

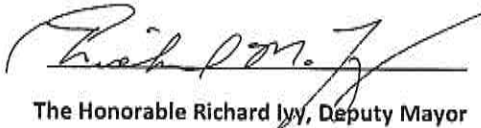
WHEREAS, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 11, Inc. Day emphasizes the importance of the critical need to assist our youth on this day and every day, all year long.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Mayor Dan Ridenour, Honorable Mayor of Muncie, Indiana proclaim, March 11, 2022 as:

## *"3<sup>rd</sup> and 11 Day"*

BY THIS ACTION let it be known that I, Richard Ivy as Deputy Mayor of this great city of Muncie, Indiana, give my support to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 11 Incorporated for giving at-risk youth a chance in our community and an example of what it's like to be a student athlete turned pro athlete from their hometown

BY THIS ACTION IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Muncie to be affixed on this 11 th day of March, 2022.

  
The Honorable Richard Ivy, Deputy Mayor





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March 14, 2022

Dear Parks Board,

Above all else, we must put the safety of our Prairie Creek guests and the condition of City of Muncie property at our highest priority. After conversations with The State of Indiana, the City Engineer, the City Building Commissioner, Prairie Creek staff, licensed electricians and others it is our opinion that the approach being used by some who have modified or applied a cheater box does not comply with National Electric Code.

As a result of this research, effective immediately, cheater boxes will not be allowed on City of Muncie Park grounds. Any adjustment or modification to City of Muncie property including cheater boxes, will be grounds for termination of the lease due to safety and compliance concerns of the City of Muncie.

It is our intention to upgrade to 50 Amp service in the future. This upgrade will take many years to complete due to the investment costs involved. Until we can make those improvements, Prairie Creek will continue to provide 30 Amp service for our campers as we have for years. We hope that campers will continue to enjoy Prairie Creek but understand if they desire to move to a more modern site.

Dan Ridenour  
Mayor of Muncie

# Park Board Meeting Public Input Sign In Sheet

Date: 3/15/2022

Name (Please Print)

Address

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2. MIKE ANDERSON 302 W. 23RD MUNCIE, IN.
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