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Muncie Park & Recreation Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 17, 2022
City Hall Auditorium

- (1) Call to Order
- (2) Pledge of Allegiance
- (3) Roll Call
- (4) Approval of the minutes from (May 2022 Park Board Meeting)
- (5) Superintendent Report – Carl Malone
- (6) Parks Programming – George Foley Jr
- (7) Prairie Creek Report – Dustin Clark & Ashley Wright
- (8) Old Business – Park’s Department Update
 - Youth and Budget Update – George Foley & Anitra Montgomery
 - Muncie Skate Park Update – Carl Malone
 - 2024 Til-Pond Grant Update
 - Tuhey Pool Opens – May 28th, 2022
- (9) New Business
 - Lafferty Field Baseball Update – Richard Ivy
 - 2024 Til-Pond Grant Update – LWCF Grant
 - Bond/MRC Monies for Parks
- (10) Action Items
- (11) 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, June 21, 2022 (6:00 p.m.) - City Hall Auditorium**



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Superintendent Report

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Our Muncie Parks Department staff have been busy the past (2) two months with mowing, pruning trees and weed eating. The Parks Department has moved into our new facility at 811 E. Centennial Avenue (Old Sanitation Building). However, we are still experiencing technical difficulties with our phone system and network system. IT has ordered a new phone system for the Parks Department and hope to have everything up and running in the next week.

Muncie Parks and Recreation has completed its Youth Summer Employment hiring. We were able to employ (120) to become gainfully employed for 6 weeks. Over the past several weeks, we have experienced multiple break-ins and vandalism at our City Parks (Cooley, Heekin and Halteman) not to mention a couple of fights that police were called to at these parks.

Park Projects | Highlights 2022

- Tuhey Pool Splash Pad, Cooley and Halteman splash pads are open to the public.
- Tuhey Pool is slated to open on-time Memorial Day weekend
- Cal Ripken Sr. Youth Development baseball park initiative is near completion. Field opening date are TBD.
- Riverview Park development start date is TBD.
- Muncie Skate Park Coalition (@Westside Park) TBD – Pending Fundraising goal of \$280, 000.
- Cabin 6 (McCulloch Park) restoration of the outside of the Cabin begun on May 4th, 2022. Phase 1 of Cabin will be completed in Week 1 of June 2022.
- Xfinity will come out to Heekin Park, Thomas Park, Morningside, Cooley and Tuhey to install Wi-Fi at the Park on Wednesday, May 25, 2022. After Wi-Fi installs Sonitrol will install cameras the week of May 31st.

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

Prairie Creek Seasonal Campers Meeting Notes

- May 15, 2022
- 32 campers in attendance
- 2 Members of the Parks Board

Covered the objective of Meeting and ground rules for a collaborative planning meeting.

Reviewed purpose of the group

- Gather/organize out thoughts/concerns
- Suggestions for campground events
- Ideas for volunteering around the park

Discussed events to have for Adults and Children in the campground for campers.

- 1) Rock painting- using paint or chalk
- 2) Movie night
- 3) Bingo
- 4) Cornhole tournament
- 5) Water Balloons

Campers in the meeting selected the following as the top three issues to focus on:

- 1) One set of rules for everyone in the campground. (Seasonal, Weekend, and Visitors) Visible at office and campground and online.
 - a. The campers would also like input on these rules.
- 2) A map of the campground posted at both entrances, with the lot numbers.
 - a. It was suggested to name the roads and make smaller roads one way only.
- 3) Being able to trim down brush around their pier.

Other issues addressed within the campground:

- 1) Mowing and trimming of lots
- 2) Trash pickup by truck and by campers.
- 3) Times for the gates to be open and closed once they are installed.
- 4) Parents being responsible for their children's actions or damages whether it be on someone's lot or boat.
- 5) Flooding issues on lots
- 6) Possible fundraising
- 7) Drinking alcohol at events in building and shelters, by the public and campers.

After the meeting was over a safety concern was brought to our attention. There was a propane tank installed next to the shower house last year, it has a hose laying on the ground that goes from that to the hot water heater.

Prairie Creek Monthly Campers Meetings:

- 1) It was agreed upon to have a meeting every second Saturday of the month at 2:00 pm
- 2) Officers will be elected at the next meeting. (June 11)

Park Board Meeting Public Input Sign In Sheet

Date: 5/17/2022

Name (Please Print)

Address

1. Jackie Sciscoe 2013 N. Milton St.
2. Dorothy Meadows 807 S. Brattleton St
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Muncie Park & Recreation Board Meeting

May 17, 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, James Lutton and Chandra Parks. Shannon Powers was absent.

4. APPROVAL OF APRIL 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

- Our staff has been busy the last month with mowing, weed eating & pruning trees which has been a bit of a task with all of the rain & staff shortages. We're playing catch up which is usual for the first month of the season.
- We have moved from Heekin to the Centennial location. We're in there operating but having issues with the phone system.
- American Clean & Seal was in to work on the pool area. In the past we've had issues with slippage which was a safety concern so they put an epoxy seal coat on our existing concrete and we're hoping that problem is resolved. We look forward to having a safe area for the kids to play this summer.
- McCulloch Park – Richard Ivy isn't here at the present time but The City of Muncie, Ball State and The Cal Ripken Foundation entered into an agreement to renovate McCulloch. It's going pretty good as they have been working six and seven days in the rainy weather to get the project going. I've been going out through the week to answer any questions I can to help with moving the project along. It is still on target for some time in June to be completed.
- Riverview Park has had some setbacks due to permitting. The City has done their part with submitting the paperwork and they are waiting to hear back from the State. I've had a couple of conversations with the neighbors and have provided them some updated information on the park. The main concerns they had were the start date and completion date which we couldn't give them a completion date

until we know the start date. We do know the paperwork has been submitted and we are waiting for the state to let us know when we can begin.

- Westside Park/Skate Park – we do know there is \$300,000 set aside from ARP funds to help support the project and I think there is an additional \$150,000 still to be raised. Once those funds are brought in we will begin that project hopefully this year.
- Park staff has been doing small projects still working inside when the weather does not allow us to be out. We've started some mowing but mainly we have been moving and renovating the new building on Centennial in hopes we can be in there in a couple of weeks and be back outside mowing.

Brad inquired about the bathroom situation & water being turned on at the parks as people are starting to be outside since the weather is getting warmer. Carl stated they tried to turn the water on McCulloch but had some leaks we are currently fixing but we should have the water at all the parks should be on by Thursday. Thomas Park has been hosting baseball and they have requested water as well. Carl stated the Mayor would like to have the splash parks open as well. Brad inquired if Cooley and Halteman would be up as well. Carl stated we have been in contact with the water company so we can finish up repairs at Halteman.

6. PARK PROGRAMMING – George Foley, Programs Director

To touch back on what Carl was saying about security cameras. Talked to Sonitrol today and X-finity has to come out and install a cradle point so we have the wireless access for the cameras. Once they are installed Carl can view them from his cell phone. X-finity is coming out next Wednesday to put cradle points in all the five parks Carl mentioned. Shortly after Sonitrol will come install the cameras. Each park will have 3 to 4 cameras installed so we can see most the park. The hardest one will be McCulloch since it is such a big park but it will cover the areas most used: The basketball court, softball field and the cabin.

Mental Health 5K Walk with the NAACP was this past Saturday and it went really well. We exceeded the number of people we thought would show up. We had a lot of sponsorships and people in the walk/run. The NAACP wanted me to ask The Board if they could come next month to present a check for the Park Foundation from the proceeds. Proceeds will go to the Park Foundation and Recovery Café which helps with mental health and suicide prevention.

Youth Employment Program – Like Carl said we are ready for the Youth Employment & Mentor Program. We hired about 120 kids. They will be starting June 1st which will be Mentor day and the program will end July 8th. We have been getting donations for snacks and food like that. We got a call from Juvenile Department and

they will be giving us \$500 to purchase snacks, drinks and water for the kids during the six weeks of the program. So, we are ready to roll.

Flag Football will start June 2nd and we will do a football combine to put the kids on teams after. That's being facilitated by the Parks Department, 3rd and 11 and John Frank. We've already reached our max of kids that can participate in the combine and flag football and are ready to start that program.

Basketball Camp – We will also be doing a Basketball Camp at Heekin Park. So far, we have signed up about 60 kids between 3rd and 6th grades. So, we're ready to get that rolling.

Baseball – One thing we want to do is, Baseball has been picking up in the community. We've been working a lot with The Barn Academy, which is Randy and Josh O'Connor. Those guys have been a big help. Our facilities need some work, so I gave all of the Board copies of the Sponsorship form and flyer that's an application for the Golf Scramble we will be having in August. Proceeds will go towards renovations on our baseball field and will also help with upkeep once we renovate Lafferty Field. That will be on Friday, August 5th. That Saturday and Sunday we will do a Baseball/Softball Tournament using Lafferty Field, Southside Field, Thomas Park and Heekin Park. That weekend will be focused on Baseball and Softball for the youth in our community. So, I challenge the Board to help us sign up some teams and get some sponsorships for a good cause, for our kids. I have more applications and flyers if you need them. We just want to continue to create programming in our Muncie Parks.

Brad inquired about reaching the max limit for kids for Flag Football and wondered if it was due to equipment or something like that. George stated they have to keep it at about 100 kids due to the parking at Ball Park, which is about 10 teams, and they reached that in the first 2 weeks. We have been talking about possibly doing another Flag Football league later in the summer but we will see how this one goes. For this league we were able to get business to donate \$100 to purchase shirts and their logo will go on the t-shirts of the team they sponsored. This was great as we didn't have to spend money out of our budget for league t-shirts.

James inquired if they had to turn away a lot of kids and George replied we continue to get calls so they have invited those kids to come to the combine. Brandon Hayes with our help does a great combine, so this way they still have the opportunity to learn the sport of football and get to play underneath the lights at Central.

There were no other questions from The Board.

George remembered he had one additional item. As we are going to be opening building we are going to need some signs put up due to the artificial turf. Those signs will need to

say "NO GUM", "NO TOBACCO", "NO SUNFLOWER SEEDS" and "NO METAL CLEATS". Anyone cited will receive a \$500 fine for each violation. So, we need The Boards' approval tonight before we order them.

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

7. PRAIRIE CREEK REPORT – Ashley Wright & Dustin Clark

Ashley stated all the docks are in. It was rough and last week they worked 12 hour days including Saturday. They are finally starting on the mowing. Like the last meeting she wanted to thank Carl for running trash for them which has been a huge help. One thing she forgot to say last time was a thank you to Kellie for taking care of the trees for them as it was definitely needed.

Ashley said they are now just catching up on mowing. We just had the ADA accessible pier installed which provides us with six spots and we have four or five filled. We are getting documentation to show a need for them since there are so few available. They just finished that install on Friday and posted pictures on Facebook. Dustin stated there is ADA parking going in right across the street. Parking is already there, so it just needs to be signed and blue striped. Ashley stated it is a super nice area. We just need to fix a little bit of walkway where the gangway ends so it goes to the asphalt but it's just a small area and it's ready to go. It's a really nice area right by the beach.

One other thing, to clear up letting some campers switch campsites. When we stated there were documented issues for the changes, sometimes involving the police, that did not involve everyone that was offered the switch. Some campers reached out upset because some moved that did not have police involvement and felt we weren't representing them well. So, I want to make it clear that just because that was the case for some, some just had documented issued in our office.

Dustin stated they are also experiencing some trespassing and vandalism issues. We've had to trespass several people already this year. The police have been called out as there's been property destruction, camping & trespassing in areas they aren't supposed to be and non-payment. We will continue to hold the line on those. Positive things are coming. South Shore RNS Well Drilling should be out on the 20th or the following Wednesday or Friday to dig the second well. That will allow us a second potable water source in South Shore. Once that goes through and we can get our IDEM signed off on we can move forward with bidding out that area and moving forward with construction. We are taking reservations for the cabins as we don't foresee that much construction going on through the bulk of the season. So, I know we've had tent campers & cabin

campers so that area is still for use but we are moving towards that new area. Kind of a nice addition and the goal with that area is to make ourselves more financially stable. Once we do that we can use that money to do upgrades for the North Shore electric, floating piers, more ADA compliant fishing piers on the other side of the bridge. So, this will give us a lot of wiggle room to start spending money to make improvements instead of just catching up.

Ashley stated they are in a good place with getting the beach ready and have enough lifeguards. We're getting that final work done and I will be meeting with all of them next week as a whole group to go over everything. We have mostly new lifeguards, well new to Prairie Creek as some have been lifeguards, so we will walk them through how we do things at Prairie Creek as it's a little bit different than a pool. Even with how we do things like moving from chair to chair, and stuff like that is different than what they normally do at a pool. Dustin also stated it is a different certification. Beachfront lifeguarding is separate from most typical aquatic facilities. You don't see the bottom, there's different elements and obviously it's all outside. He stated Ashley has done a spectacular job with that.

Ashley said other than that they have been getting everything ready. The lottery process has been completed. All the sites and docks are gone. We had about 15 docks come available and we had 349 people in the lottery for that. We had 9 campsites and about 207 people in the lottery. It worked out well. We drew a couple alternates which worked out well because some of the docks people decided they didn't want them or had already gotten one in between. So that worked out well for us. The process worked out good so for next year we just need to figure out a switch method for campers and go from there.

Dustin went into the events. They just wrapped up the multi-sport event. Some pluses, some minuses. They have another event coming in September and we will bring that back before you to talk about. There will be several fishing tournaments including the one Memorial Day weekend with the bike ride to benefit the Veterans of Delaware County, so keep an eye on that as that should be a big one for everyone. Speaking of events, Carl Malone and the Parks Department are helping support Ron Bonham Days. They've always supported it but they are helping to pay for the band. They are working with The City and Hope of Delaware County (a not-for-profit). It will be held July 1st and 2nd. July 1st evening will be a concert event kickoff with Cook & Belle that starts around 6 o'clock with the band starting around 7:30. It will be at the beach area. Ashley said they will keep the beach area open later that day until basically dusk. Once it starts getting dark we will start pulling people out of the water. Dustin reiterated the concert on the 1st, on the 2nd will be fireworks out at Prairie Creek and the following day will be fireworks in town.

Hope of Delaware doesn't have a representative here tonight but I know they have spoken with Ashley since they got approval for their event and now. We have taken on Victoria and has expanded into the big room. She is wanting to partner with them and we would like to support that. They are requesting guidance on adult beverages at the concert event, so I would ask the Board how they would like to proceed with that as I don't know where we stand other than to bring it to you. Hope is providing security and insurance for the event. They are partnering with the Parks and administration, so I am leaving it in your hands as to how you want to see things. We want to support Victoria and Hope to have a great Ron Bonham Day, so we are asking how you want to proceed.

James inquired if they are selling alcohol at the beach area or just at the restaurant and Dustin stated that is where they would get the Board's guidance. He knows Victoria owns a valid liquor license for Selma and Ashley stated since she is a catering business she can travel and James asked if that carries insurance with it to which Ashley stated that was correct. Her thought was to set up something at the beach area whether it be in the shelters or something adjacent to the Beach House but not in it. We're not really set on anything. Dustin stated they have discussed wristbands so there is some control, they do have security and they do have event insurance separate from Victoria's insurance. James inquired what is the security provided and Dustin wasn't sure off the top of his head and stated we could make that stipulation. Ashley said she can talk to them if they want to stipulate it be off duty officers or whatever route is decided. They can also suggest for alcohol, since they are having wristbands to limit it to two or three per person. ID check and wristband issuance would be at one section and as they get drinks the wristbands are taken off and once they are all off that's it for the night. That could help control things. People will bring in their own stuff in, that's just the nature of things, but we won't have to supply as much. James stated he believed if they are promoting alcohol they should have ready response security there on site to help control. Dustin inquired if there was a certain number they should have and James stated Victoria knows what she needs per her license and is sure she isn't going to risk her license. Brad suggested they consult Legal to see what the City allows as the closest precedent he is aware of is the concert series downtown and he will reach out to see what the options are. Mark suggested they have a detailed plan as to where it will be located, how it will be staffed, what will be available, the cost as the burden should be on them to tell us what they plan to do and for us to figure out how to accommodate it or modify it. It's pretty vague right now. Dustin stated this option was not available when they initially submitted it and wondered if they could reach out to Downtown to get their documentation or would the Board want their own documentation. Brad said that would be a first step for them to review with City Legal.

Brad asked for clarification regarding the concert being at the beach as to if it would be in the sand or the grass area. Ashley stated it would be the grassy area between the

parking lot and the beach house. Brad inquired if there would be any restrictions on what can be brought in to the beach and concert area. Ashley stated for the beach it is the regular restriction of what they buy there as they can't have any glass in the sand. Outside of the beach it is hard to police and they never have before for Ron Bonham Day. James stated there is usually a lot of alcohol that day but it is usually pretty tame. Dustin stated the event ends before sunset. Mark stated it is worth looking into. The biggest thing for him is if there is going to be alcohol involved it needs to be responsible. And if there is going to be a mixed crowd with children and adults there needs to be a way to maintain behavior as it doesn't take a lot of people getting out of control to mess it up for everybody. It's better to know how things will be handled going into the day instead of waiting until we have a problem that day.

Campers Monthly Meeting is requesting the use of the North Shore Shelter every second Saturday from 2 – 3:30 p.m. to hash out ideas. It's not something we charge them for.

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

JAR Community Church is requesting the use of Prairie Creek beach and shelters August 24, 2022 from 4 - 8 PM for their Baptism Celebration. They are expecting between 150 participants. They don't really need anything from us other than trash cans and access to the beach. They've done this several times and isn't anything new. They don't go very far out into the water.

Brad inquired if we charge them admission or is it a free entry and Ashley stated it is free and they don't swim and just go in for the baptism and come out. If they come back later to swim they are charged. James interjected this is his church and no one is allowed in the water as they have security there. They have escorts for those being baptized going in and out and there are always at least two doctors as well.

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

Muncie Light Horse Club is requesting the use of Prairie Creek for their Round Up event which is usually hold it in September but they are moving it to June 2, 2022 and they are expecting about 150 people and 25 horses. They usually pack out Indian Hill and we allow them to keep half the proceeds from camping to help raise money for them and they do all the maintenance on the trails that weekend. They clean out the brush

and put gravel in. They are requesting picnic tables, trash totes and the big tent. It will be the entire weekend on the Indian Hills side.

Brad inquired if the tent and setup was included in the price. Carl stated it is an arrangement between the Parks and Prairie Creek and we've never charged them. Brad stated as we work through our cost structure that is probably one of the ones we need to look at as well. He understands that is an ongoing process that is being worked through. Ashley stated that is something we've discussed for triathlons and big events. We need to find a fee structure as there are a lot of times before triathlons we have to pull people off other jobs to get things ready, water testing and the like. We had to open the beach three weeks early for this last triathlon and the Parks should get something. Brad said we should at least cover our costs.

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

Adult Prom This is a holdover from the last meeting. Adult Prom is requesting the use of Community Building on July 30, 2022 from 4 PM – 12 AM. We have a representative tonight to answer any questions. He inquired about what type of insurance the Board is requiring so they can confirm with their insurance company. There would be off duty Sheriffs there for security and he will be there as well. They are expecting about 50 people which will consist basically of campers that are 21 years old and up. Last year it was a big success without any problems.

James inquired if they would be selling alcohol and he said they will not be selling alcohol but will allow carry in. James asked if their insurance company was aware this was an alcohol event and he replied they did tell them.

Brad inquired if we had a standard form for insurance required? Ashley said there isn't really a standard form and that is something they are trying to put together more so for triathlons. Dustin stated they haven't seen anything tucked away and they've basically just asked for proof of insurance and that's what has traditionally been accepted.

Brad interjected so there are no minimums or thresholds. Chandra stated if they are showing us their insurance and it falls under guidelines there shouldn't be any problems. Brad stated when it was discussed last month we talked about the alcohol, security and insurance. So, the consensus is we will require insurance and the understanding is there will not be any sale of alcohol so that covers all the bases. Ashley stated the main concern last month was she didn't know the answer regarding where the alcohol was coming from.

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

Dustin stated by the next Parks Board Meeting he would volunteer to get a draft insurance document that could work with Carl and George and the Board can start tweaking it from there. Mark suggested working with the City's carrier because they have more expertise, they could tell us what coverage we would need and what language we need as we want to protect the City against liability. Dustin said he believes he has a 2018/2019 State Park insurance form the Board could use to build off of.

Brad inquired if the gates at the campground were in process. Ashley said the Building Commissioner has signed off and they are waiting on AEP to bring the power from the poles to the meter box. Brad inquired about the arms and Ashley stated they have the arms but don't keep them on due to the wind. Brad inquired if AEP had given a timeline and Ashley stated they are on AEP's time.

8. OLD BUSINESS

Youth Employment Program Budget Update – George Foley

Anitra Montgomery is our Fiscal Representative for the program but she was unable to come tonight but we just wanted to talk through the budget is arranged and how the kids are getting paid for the summer program.

This year each kid is getting paid \$100 if they attend Mentor Day and work both days.

The NAACP is the fiscal agent and the City Controller writes them two checks with each covering three weeks of the program. The funds go to cover the paychecks for each kid that works and the \$10 per day for lunch that's provided for them. The NAACP writes the checks for each vendor providing the food for the kids and every Friday Anitra makes sure each child is paid. She has them sign off they have received their direct deposit or check. We are encouraging each participant to open an account with Thrive so they can check their deposits on the phone. She keeps the records weekly and is very good with reporting the budget at the end of the program.

Westside Skate Park Update – Carl Malone

There's been a little bit of change. Initially we discussed \$300,000 of funds the Mayor earmarked for the Skate Park but once the City Engineer, Adam Leach and the people he is working with got together there was an invoice of \$80,000 for the draft and sketch so that takes it down to \$220,000. That puts that other \$80,000 onto the Skate Park Coalition so now they have to raise \$280,000. We haven't had a lot of conversation yet but that's currently where we are and he wasn't sure where the bar was on the fundraising just yet. Other than that, there are no other updates. Carl asked Adam to come up and speak.

Adam Leach, City Engineer said he was asked by The Mayor to come answer any questions the Board may have about the proposal as we don't have an invoice as we don't have a contract yet. Brad asked for clarification if he was referencing the preliminary design and layout and Adam stated it is the full design. Brad asked if what they had seen was the preliminary design and Adam stated what the Board saw was a concept sketch, a drawing. State Law of Indiana says any Public Works project that exceeds \$150,000 must have sealed, stamped drawings and be bid on in a public forum. Which means we reached out to someone qualified and chose Hunger Skate Park and REA. Rundell Ernstberger Associates has a long history in Muncie and statewide with skate parks and are well qualified. The surveyor they are using is RMA that has a local office and is also well qualified. Hunger Skate Park has landscape architects primarily and a civil engineer and are highly regarded in the area. That's kind of how they came to be the ones chosen for the proposal. We have a working history with them and they have a good track record on these types of projects.

Rule of thumb is if you figure \$500,000 for the project construction costs about 10% of that should go to engineering. About 10 – 12%, this is a little bit higher because the park is located in a flood way which is even worse than a flood plain. Anything located in a flood way we have to do a full H and H, a Hydraulics & Hydrology Study which has to be given to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. They have to give us a permit and that is about a six month process. Burke Engineering, Christopher Burke, is doing that as they work quite a bit with us at MSD and do our flood plan modeling.

The original proposal the Skate Park Committee received five or six years ago was pretty rough and was for \$300,000 and prices have increased since then.

Brad inquired if there were any additional questions for Adam. Brad asked for the actual design to be brought before the Board as we get closer to grant permission and approval officially for that. We've got it conceptually at this point but nothing official when it comes to the design. Adam stated this is sort of a Public Works project which will have to go before the Board of Public Works for approval. The Mayor just asks that we make it available to you, let you see the process, know the dollars and cents, timeline and all that fun stuff. Without holding REA under the gun, I figure about six months roughly to get it designed. He doubts they will have all the funds for it in six months but they can at least have the design to use for fundraising purposes. With the \$300,000 the Mayor put in from EDIT funds that at least gets us a hard plan. Brad inquired if the Skate Park Coalition was involved in any of the planning and Adam stated there is a small design committee, him, Carl and Josh. We will be leaning on Hunger Skate Parks for the design since this is their area.

Tillpond Grant Update – Carl Malone

Brad thought Dan Ridenour or Flat Land would be here to give an update. Carl stated when they spoke with the Mayor's Office they were told a representative would be here. The paperwork has been put into a grant form. There is no definite timeline that he is aware of. Hopefully next month they can come to the meeting to give a presentation, an overview of the timeline of when he sees the project taking place.

Brad stated he and Carl sat in on a meeting with The Mayor and a representative from Flat Land and there is a LWCF Grant available, which is Land, Water, Conservation Fund. There are Federal matching funds available focusing on water conservation, wetland areas, natural aspects so the pond on Tillotson would be an excellent opportunity for that. There is some money that the MRC has committed to that and that's the base for the matching funds and they are working around those parameters. The timeline is long due to some of the constraints of the Federal Government and environmental design process. This is not a short-term fix or solution but does provide some opportunities. He was really hoping there would be someone present so they could see the drawings. Mark was here when we originally talked about it and conceptually the way he understood it was a nature type area with some urban fishing, walking trails, it's not a traditional city park with playground equipment and basketball courts. It's more of a natural area with some parking offsite. There has been discussion of development off to the north, there's a lot of moving parts there. They have also talked about some additional land acquisition in the immediate area which helps check some boxes for the grant as well to qualify. The constraint is to file for the grant the initial application has to be in by June 1st, so we're quickly approaching the deadline there. This is our last meeting before that deadline, so we are looking for Board approval to move forward with the grant. Brad was asked to sign the grant application as the Board President but he wanted to discuss it as a Board before we move forward with making that commitment. He had some other personal concerns as it is another site, that's more work and labor, time and energy for Carl and his crew to maintain. That was a question he had for Flat Land was what do they expect for long-term maintenance at the site and how do we budget for that. He hopes that Carl will ask for additional funds in the budget once we get there.

Chandra inquired if that was the design that was emailed to the Board and Brad confirmed it was the one he copied them on. He then asked if there were any other questions as he would try to answer them. Chandra said she noticed in the budget from the draft it was about \$3,000 to stock the pond for fishing and wondered how that would impact the budget and how much would we have to stock it. Dustin stated he believed that was just to get us started but after all the processes DNR might qualify and we could get on their list for stocking. \$3,000 will go a long way on that 6 acre pond development. There are some depth requirements but as long as we meet them those

funds will go a long way for moderate or heavy use. Chandra stated she knows a lot of fishers so she sees that area being heavily utilized.

Carl mentioned a concern about shelter space on site versus playground equipment as far as points for the grant. Brad said he can't remember what was on the design, but we did talk about adding a shelter and picnic area to the site. One, it gets us additional points and it also would be a good feature to have there as well.

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

Tuhey Pool Update – Carl Malone

Shannon has been working hard down at the pool and when I talked to her today she communicated her lifeguards are all in place. She's working closely with the YMCA and the chemical team was out there today as we continue to do a little troubleshooting. Buddenbaum will be here Friday to give us our approval of the start up for the pool. Once that's done will do the small cosmetic things that we need to do around the pool to make sure we're ready as Memorial Day is coming fast. It's right around the corner. We're out checking all the power sockets and making sure things are in place. We spent about four hours together today and got a lot done and will be out there tomorrow. We misplaced some parts to the wading pool and had to order them but found them a few days ago, so Friday that will be taken care of. We checked our security, there were a few fences she had some concerns about people being able to get into the pool area based on our gates, so we got some added security locks. We are looking forward to working out the detail, cosmetic stuff and we should be ready to go.

Brad inquired if he saw any limitations or reasons why we would be unable to be open for the holiday weekend and Carl said he didn't see any reason other than the weather. Brad asked if the security cameras would be up prior to opening and Carl said it would be pretty close on the timeline. They might need to try to move up the date as they did have a discussion regarding the placement of the cameras. Brad asked if there were any questions regarding Tuhey.

Brad discussed how we opened the splash pads early this year and with that have another decision to make. Right now the splash pads are free and open to the public. Historically it has been considered an amenity to the pool and has been part of your paid admission to the pool as a whole. He sent out a questionnaire and options to the surrounding neighborhoods and city council members about what the options are for the splash pad. And the two options presented were 1) have the splash pads open in the mornings and the evenings during non-pool hours and have it free to the public with it being part of the pool during open hours and 2) having the splash pad open all hours

free to the public but that creates an exit/re-entry from the pool with access to the splash pad. Shannon has made some accommodations to that with wristbands but that would leave the splash pad open and free all the time. He wanted the Board to make the decision instead of leaving it on Carl or Shannon. The feedback he received was primarily to have it open all hours free to the public. The one concern he had was they would like to see signs where people have historically accessed the splash pad to go to the front gate to get a wristband and if they have mobility issues a lifeguard would assist them get through the gate or the path as it is a longer path than it was. Brad asked for any thoughts or discussions. James stated he would like to see it remain free for everybody to use. It's a park amenity and it's free in the rest of the cities. Brad asked if anyone prefer it go back to the way it was before. Chandra asked if that would be just having it open when the pool is open and Brad confirmed. Chandra said she thinks it's a good idea to have it open to the public. Mark inquired about access and if people could get to the splash pad without going through the pool and Brad said that's how it is today. There's an exterior gate for the splash pad and a separation gate between the splash pad and the pool that is closed today and that would remain closed outside of a mobility need. Mark inquired and James asked if it would be affected by capacity and Brad said he wasn't sure what capacity is. Carl said the last two years because of COVID they made some restrictions. The first year it was 600 we allowed into the actual pool area and last year we decreased it to 350. This year we would need to determine capacity with the pool and splash pad. He believes the pool capacity limit is 900 but wasn't sure. Brad asked if we planned on being at full capacity this year and if they need to make a decision on that. Carl said he thought with the reconditioning of the splash pad they should probably look at going back to capacity. Chandra inquired about the path going to the splash pad outside of the pool area and if there was a whole other entrance. Carl responded it is the walkway by the old bath house. Chandra asked if there was any concern of foul play with anyone breaking into the pool outside of pool hours. Carl said that's what the cameras will be in place for. Hopefully that won't be the case but where there's a will there's a way. James asked if we were at capacity in the pool and someone left to go to the splash pad would that count them out of the pool and let someone else in and Chandra stated she believed that's what the wristbands were for. Carl said the wristbands would help identify who's going in and out to the best of our ability. It would also be on an honor system with being respectful of the terms of the wristband

Brad inquired if Carl knew how many days last year we were at capacity or how frequently that occurred. Carl replied that last year we were under quite a bit. There were some physical issues last year and he thinks out of 107 days they were open there were only about 50 days we were able to serve the public. Mark inquired about the hours of the splash pad and Carl said currently it is 11 am – 8pm but he believes last year it was 9 am – 9 pm. Mark inquired about the hours for the pool and Carl responded it goes to 7 pm and last year opened around 11 am. James asked if you had to physically go

through the pool to get to the splash pad and Brad replied historically that is how it has been. Carl said there are two gates and once you get inside the pool you go through the gate. They are currently locked off so there is one way in and out. Brad asked if there were any other questions or discussions. Mark said he agreed with everyone else and would like to see the splash pad remain free if we can do it in a way that makes sense. He said he was by there this past weekend it was amazing to see all the kids out there having fun. That's what it's all about so it would be great to figure that out logistically. Brad motioned to keep the splash pad open and free to the public during all hours which is currently 11-8 or will be 9-9 as we move through the summer.

Carl inquired how the Board felt about people bringing their dogs into the splash pad as it relates to possible injuries with someone getting bit as he has seen dogs at the splash pad. Splash pads are new and it's not something we've dealt with before and he wanted to check if that is something we are going to allow. He just wanted to make them aware before someone gets injured and it falls back on the City. Chandra said people are gonna do what they do but she doesn't think it's a good idea as she had a child with disabilities that goes on the regular and she isn't comfortable with that. Brad said they will have to consult with Legal on how to handle it as there is a rule on the books that dogs need to be on a leash and that is one layer of protection. So obviously if they are off leash that is a violation but on leash dogs in the splash probably needs to be addressed. Marks said he loves dogs and gets that people want to be with their dogs but that can be a sanitation issue as well. Brad said we might need to reach out to Vortex to get some guidelines and run it by Legal. Brad asked for a motion on the splash pad and hours.

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

9. NEW BUSINESS

Lafferty Field Update – Carl Malone

Brad asked if Carl or Richard had an update. George interjected that Richard asked to move that back and he will be at the next Board meeting.

MRC Bond – Brad Marshall

Some may have seen in the paper on City Council this week the City through MRC is applying for a Bond. A portion of that Bond is allocated for the pond on Tillotson and for general park updates. We don't know the scope or the vision on that yet, but it was presented by The Mayor at the last City Council meeting. Just wanted you to be aware of it as there might be additional monies available there.

Memory Spiral - Chandra asked for an update on the Memory Spiral though it wasn't on the agenda. Donny Wright said he has been in the meetings since the beginning. They are moving forward but are kind of in a slow down due to the amount of rain we've had. The last meeting didn't take very long but they said that's why they were holding off. They are hoping with the next meeting they might have some dates they are going for. The City's end is pretty much done with all the contractors and just waiting for them to be able to finish everything up.

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

Prairie Creek Campers – Jackie Sciscoe and Dortha Meadows

Representing the Prairie Creek Seasonal Campers and we wanted to thank Brad and James for coming to our first meeting last Saturday. We thought it was important to introduce ourselves here at the Board Meeting and provide some updates on our meeting. Our goal for our group is to find ways to help the City, the Parks Board, Prairie Creek Management move forward in a positive way, being transparent, consistent and making rules that are equal and fair for everyone. Our first meeting was very well attended. We had 32 campers there and discussed issues, concerns, volunteer opportunities and ideas for activities at the campground. The group decided to meet the second Saturday of the month and next month we are going to vote on a Board to represent all of the campers.

As a group we prioritized some of the issues we talked about. The number one issue we wanted to focus on was setting a uniform set of rules. Right now there are rules at several different places, they're not posted anywhere that anyone can find all of them easily and we think it would not only be good for the seasonal campers but weekend campers and visitors out to the reservoir to have a uniform set of rules that we would like to work on together with the Management, Parks Board and the City with some of the input from campers out there as well. Again, we would like these rules to be consistent, uniform and actually enforced equally for everyone.

The second item that was very important to the campers was a map of the campground at both entrances that shows lot numbers of the campground. There's been so many people and temporary people come in and drive around and around looking for their spots and they can't find them. This is also important in case of emergency as a lot of the campsite numbers can't be seen. It was also suggested to name the roads.

The third item was some of the campers were very interested in either volunteering to trim around the campground or around the piers mainly or if we could do something to help the Parks Board get that done around the piers as that area is overgrown. Everyone is willing to cut down their own, we just have to have permission. There wouldn't be any digging up so it wouldn't harm the ground, it would just be trimming it up.

There were several other issues discussed that are on the minutes we gave to you so you have those as well but we prioritized our top three. We also discussed some events that would hopefully draw people to the campground. We get a lot of seasonal campers but not a lot of weekend campers so we thought having some events for kids and adults would help draw some people out there. We talked about rock painting with paint or chalk, having a movie night rated G for children, bingo, cornhole tournament and water balloon toss. Those were just some ideas we discussed.

We had one other issue which was a safety issue raised about the propane tank next to the shower house. The line that goes from the propane tank to the water heater is above ground, laying on the ground and we've had several campers mention they didn't feel safe with it laying there as they have to move it to mow and trim and they were really concerned about that and wondered what could be done about that.

Brad stated he was at the meeting. James was there as well and they had a great group there. He thinks there is an opportunity for them to come together and bring some ideas before us. One of your top items is campground related as it relates to the piers which relates to all dock holders. He thinks they have set a good foundation that we can grow on so the dock holders can be invited to your group or form their own that works as a sister group, there are some opportunities to build and continue the communication between the Board, the campers and the staff out there. He and Dustin have discussed fundraising opportunities and that would be a great way to bring everyone together out there.

Another camper inquired if they could volunteer to help trim the shoreline, to help weed eat or mow as the staff has a lot on their plate. Brad said they would have to discuss that with Carl and Dustin as there is a safety and liability issue and also since Prairie Creek is owned by another entity there are rules in place for certain things they can and cannot do with Indiana Water. There may be some opportunities there on some form of a volunteer day.

Carl stated he thinks this is a great thing for them to have life a neighborhood association group taking feedback and inquired if the dock holder would join the campers or form their own group. Dustin stated based on what he's heard each would have their own group working together giving them a broader reach but that is up to them. Carl stated he just wants to make sure the communication is there between all the entities out there. Brad said he believes there is an opportunity for there to be multiple groups out there. The campers have started their group, there is an off road biking group that helps take care of the trails, and some other established groups like the Sail Club. And maybe we as a Parks Board, Carl and Dustin, we form another group that runs in tangent with those groups possibly meeting quarterly with representatives from each

group coming together, looking at a larger scale and developing some sort of a Master Plan or goals list.

Brad asked if there were any other questions or discussions.

Aaron Clark of Muncie City Council wanted to say thank you on behalf of Council, leaders of the Riverside/Normal City Neighborhood Association, Old West End. We were included in the correspondence about Tuhey Park Splash Pad. We appreciate that and the consensus was that we would like that to be open and inclusive to everyone and we would like to thank you for voting on that and allowing it to be free and open to all citizens during those hours. Regarding Tillpond, we are excited there for some Urban Fishing Parks and Rec activities. District Councilman Brandon Garrett and myself will be happy to offer some financial assistance with the fish stocking to help offset some of those costs. I would also like to offer my help as there are some grant opportunities from Cabela's and Bass Pro Shops for the Urban Fish and Wildlife Initiative they have. I would be glad to work with the Parks Board or the Superintendent on filling that out.

Meeting was adjourned by Brad Marshall, President.

*** Next Park Board meeting is currently scheduled for June 21, 2022 at 6 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium.**