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

**Tuesday, March 21, 2023**  
**City Hall Auditorium**

- (1) Call to Order
- (2) Pledge of Allegiance
- (3) Roll Call
- (4) Approval of the minutes from (February 2023) Park Board Meeting.
- (5) Mayor – Discussion about Greenspace
- (6) Superintendent Report – George Foley
- (7) Parks Programming & Park Event Approval – George Foley
- (8) Prairie Creek Report – Dustin Clark
- (9) Old Business
- (10) New Business
- (11) Action Items
- (12) 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, April 18, 2023 (6:00 p.m.) - City Hall Auditorium**



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## Superintendent Report

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### **PARK STAFF**

Muncie Parks and Recreation staff has been working at McCulloch Park taking down trees in the Rain Garden. We have three rain gardens to clear at McCulloch Park.

### **PARK PROJECTS**

- YMCA will manage Tuhey Pool this summer. Both City of Muncie and the YMCA attorneys have reviewed the contract and came to an understanding. Superintendent Malone and the CEO of YMCA have both signed in agreement with the contract.
- Outdoor Specialist will start work on the Pickleball Court next week on Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Midstates Recreation (Wendy Mink) came to the Buley Center on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> to give a presentation on playground equipment and ideas for playground equipment and surfacing at McCulloch Park.
- Lights are being installed at Gainbridge Field. There has been a delay due to weather conditions.
- There will be a new Merry-Go-Round going in at Morningside Park that is ADA compliant for people in wheelchairs. Morningside Neighborhood Association used ARP Funds to help pay for the new structure. PlayPro will be installing the playground equipment. The equipment is scheduled to be installed August 2023.

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

Carl Malone  
Superintendent  
Muncie Parks and Recreation

# **Muncie Park & Recreation Board Meeting**

**March 21, 2023 6 p.m.**

**City Hall Auditorium**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER-** Brad Marshall called meeting to order at 6:00p.m.
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – All stood for the Pledge
- 3. ROLL CALL-** Present were Brad Marshall, Shannon Powers, James Lutton and Chandra Parks. Mark Ervin was absent.
- 4. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY BOARD MINUTES-** Vote was taken by all Board members present. Motion carries. Motion approved by all members present.
- 5. MAYOR’S REPORT – Dan Ridenour, Mayor**

Brad introduced Mayor Ridenour who wanted to discuss greenspace opportunities.

Mayor Ridenour presented information regarding Elm Street Park project. This will not be a traditional park with a lot of playground equipment. The neighborhood was looking for some walking paths but we’ve put together a package that we’ve already taken to the neighborhood to make sure they were ok with it and want to make you aware of it as this is not something that will take place until 2025. In order to build this we need a DNR grant and we can’t apply for one until the Tillpond Project is complete. Though we can’t yet apply for it, we have already run it through the State. They said it scored very well and to please apply. They felt it was very exciting for this neighborhood. This is currently just greenspace at the corner of Columbus Avenue (which is what we’re doing as part of the Ready Grant) and Elm Street. There is already a Sanitary District Retention Pond, so what this is going to do is create a walking path down the middle with tree lines, a number of benches and a couple different ways to get to the Cardinal Greenway. So you could go along Columbus Avenue or you can take that little path. He explained the picture on page 2 which showed a zipline for the kids which has a seat and can take them down the hill that will be constructed for this project. It will go from H on the diagram to the other end. The next page is a view of what some of it would like. A lot of the features are already in the park and what we’re looking at doing is creating some additional seating, making it look better and putting a big tree in the middle. Just



wanted you to know it's in the works. He doesn't really need any action today but this is what financially fits the budget. The city would pay half and the DNR grant would pay the other half. You can see it has a lot of walking space, a lot of different ways to it. If you go up the middle there's stairs and if you go along the side its ADA compliant walkways. There's some seating and the tree lined route from Elm Street. There will be some play areas for kids that are all natural. Climbing rocks, some log timbers and those types of things. We left an area where people can bring in a food truck and a concert area. There is going to be a shelter and some more natural scape playground equipment. He would love to have feedback. He doesn't need anything at this time as there's nothing to submit. He's already told the neighborhood and they love it. This is what they asked for as they didn't want a big park since McCulloch Park is two blocks away. They wanted a place they could go be with nature, have some benches, have a place to meet and maybe have a picnic. It's right along the greenway. He intends to pay the city's portion out of the Mayor's EDIT funds not through the PARKS budget.

Shannon inquired about the total acreage but the Mayor did not know off the top of his head. Brad asked for clarification that most of it is owned by the City, the Sanitary District or some combination thereof. Mayor Ridenour stated that is correct and there is no additional acquisition that needs to be done. He stated if they look at the front page, everything outside of the fence belongs to the City and everything inside will be maintained and operated by the Sanitary District. They are putting in a pollinator field, so we're hoping to have some butterflies and some other things to go along with that. That helps to beautify that particular area and they will do some beautification along that pond.

Mayor Ridenour stated they haven't shared with the Board early on and this is two years early. He doesn't know if the Board will be the same though he would love for it to be the same. We wanted you to be aware and we may come back with some additional upgrades and/or changes but just know this is something in 2025 we would like to do for this neighborhood. We will be doing the street work on Columbus and Walnut. That has already been staked out if you look in the neighborhood, they've already been doing the engineering and he expects that construction to start this fall and be complete in the spring of next year. By that time he hopes that Tillpond is completed and this project can be submitted.

Shannon inquired if it was grass or turf and the Mayor stated it is grass. Brad inquired if there was any request from the neighborhood for bathroom accommodations and the Mayor stated there was not. Chandra stated she liked the idea of the natural play with the rocks and stumps and thinks that will be a great addition to that neighborhood. Shannon stated she liked envisioning another pathway to get to downtown, for people that is a walkable pathway. She added one of her concerns was it being another park the

Parks staff will be taxed with maintaining. That we are adding new parks and we may need to consider increasing the budget. Mayor Ridenour stated he appreciated her concern however the Parks Department already does this mowing because it's City property. There will be more landscaping that needs to be maintained and Brad stated he saw a lot more trimming than open mow. He knows that's a discussion they've had before and Shannon is just highlighting it and we need to make sure we make all those accommodations in the budget and work with him on those things.

Brad inquired if there were any additional for Dan and James inquired about the status of the Tillpond Grant. Dan stated they are awaiting Federal approval which is due before the end of March. They are down to the last nine days as the State has already given their approval. Once they receive approval they will get it out for bid. James inquired if the approval process for this new project be just as long and Dan stated he expected it to be. That's why he is saying 2025 is about the earliest we would be able to start construction for this park. Just to give you a timeline if everything goes perfect, we would get Tillpond under construction this year, completed next spring, submit for this new project and probably get approval March 2025. Start construction in 2025 and completed in 2026. Dan asked Shannon if that seemed about right to her and she agreed. Shannon stated typically if the State approves the LWCF grant, then our odds are pretty good the Federal will approve it as well. James inquired if we they would get started pretty quickly after it was awarded and Dan replied they are ready to go. Engineering is ready and as soon as we get the approval they will put it out to bid as they are ready to start construction. Of course it will depend on how quickly the contractor can start construction as well. Shannon added there are other funding mechanisms for projects like this, if he that was something he wanted to explore. The LWCF is a great funding mechanism but there are other options. Dan said they can and for some of that match, we might ask some of the local foundations to participate as well.

Just so you know, that wooded area that is marked by the letter "O" on the front page, is owned by The Cardinal Greenway and we would love to see a walking path in and through there that connects various sections as we continue to try and create green spaces for our city. That would be a phase down the road but is part of the long-term plan. Shannon interjected if The Cardinal Greenway would sell that property to us, we could use that value, if they want to be a part of this to increase our match. That's just something to consider. Dan stated as this project gets closer he will reach out to Shannon and the Parks Board for guidance.

Brad stated he appreciated this, conceptually this will be a great addition for that neighborhood, adjacent to McCulloch Park as well and ties into the Greenway, so it hits a lot of things we're looking at. The Board thanked Dan for the information.

## **6. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – George Foley, Program Director**

George addressed the Board and stated Carl was out on a much needed vacation.

The Parks Department staff has been working at McCulloch Park cleaning out the three Rain Gardens. We'd spoken to Jason Donati who pushed that project years ago to see if he was ok with us taking it down and he gave us the thumbs up to start taking those trees down. Kellie from Urban Forestry marked the trees which were not to be taken down.

The contract has been signed between YMCA and Parks Department for the YMCA to manage Tuhey Pool this season. Shannon Powers will still be on staff helping with the hiring of the lifeguards and grant writing for the Parks Department. Attorneys for the City and YMCA both reviewed it and made a couple tweaks and changes. Last week we received the signed agreement from the YMCA and Superintendent Malone signed off on it.

Outdoor Specialist will start work on the Halteman Pickleball Courts next week on March 27<sup>th</sup> and it should take about three weeks to finish it, as long as the weather permits. Shannon inquired if it would be two or three courts. George stated there will be three in total. The bond covered two and the Halteman Neighborhood Association is splitting the cost of the third with the Parks Department.

Last Wednesday, we had Wendy Mink from Mid States Recreation come out and talk to the Whitely community. We had people from the community, City Council, The Deputy Mayor and members of the Parks Board. She did a presentation about the possible playground being put at McCulloch Park to replace the structure we took down by Gainbridge Field. She was giving ideas of what could happen and additional funding we could get to make this project happen. It was a good crowd and lasted about an hour. We will be getting with the Board to see how we can move forward with trying to put a new playground structure in.

The lights are being installed at Gainbridge Field right now. Weather has kind of delayed it but they are working to get those lights put up. The Deputy Mayor has been out there talking to the company that's putting the lights in and when I was there today they were putting the sleeves in where the poles will go. The lights are expected to be in shortly.

Lastly, it was approved for Morningside Park to have a new merry-go-round that will be ADA compliant. It can be used by people in wheelchairs and is a very nice structure. The

Morningside Neighborhood Association used their ARP money to help fund this structure to be put in. Everything is approved and it is scheduled to be installed in August.

George asked if the Board had any questions. Brad said he thinks he knows the answer but wanted to clarify and go on record. We talked about the YMCA partnership with Tuhey, that doesn't change any of our operation in regards to being open to the public, fees, everything is fundamentally the same. George stated that is correct. It's pretty much the same contract as last time except they will be managing it. Shannon will be there to help hire the lifeguards and working on some grants for the Parks Department and Tuhey.

Brad inquired if there were any other questions for George. There were none so he let George roll right into the Programming portion. George stated there wasn't much to report at this time on programming.

## **7. PARKS PROGRAMMING & EVENTS – George Foley, Program Director**

George stated we finally got contracts approved for the Summer Youth Mentor & Internship Program, so we were able to go live on that this past Friday. We already have 110 applications so we're going to keep it up until April 16<sup>th</sup>. We are currently interviewing for Leads and Administrators and we've had quite a few teachers come in to interview and fill out vendor forms. This was a good week since a lot of them are on spring break. We will be interviewing the youth beginning April 17<sup>th</sup>. We will probably have a lot of applications to go through and we will interview every kid that applies. I will be back next month to talk more about the programming and where that's going. We are using Northside as the hub which was approved by Muncie Community Schools. MITS will be providing transportation to the work sites except for Second Harvest. We will be transporting the group to Second Harvest.

NFL Flag Football registration is going on right now and we currently has about 70 kids signed up and we can take about 120. He shared with the Board one of the reasons they applied for the grant to do Flag Football with Brandon Hayes and the NFL is because they have a grant which could assist us with our desire for an outdoor soccer/sport facility at Ball Corp Park. We met with the Mayor again about it and would like to bring that back to the table since there is a grant we can apply for after we do this summer program. We will show some pictures and some results from this program and if approved that grant would be for like \$250,000.00. I know there is a grant for the Parks that will be a great match to do that project.



George stated that's all he has for programming. We will be doing softball this summer for girls. We will be taking applications to the schools. We're getting ready for National Parks Day on May 20<sup>th</sup>. We have a lot of vendors calling wanting to set up a table and if anyone wants to set up a table, it's free for non-profits with information. They can call the office and reserve it with Nikki or email him to reserve a spot.

George asked if the Board had any questions about programming. Shannon inquired if there was any programming for the spring. George stated there will be soccer offered through the Friends of Conley which will start in April. The staff will be working on that field and we're going to roll it to make sure there are no types of potholes or anything. The guys will be putting the nets up on the soccer field this week. Enrollment is currently going on now and usually attracts 150-200 kids.

Brad inquired if there were any other questions for George regarding programming and there were none. Brad asked if George had any events to present.

George stated he only had the Dragon Master Car Show at Thomas Park on 5/20/2023 from 11 am – 3 pm which had previously been presented twice before. Mr. Gray was not present though he confirmed yesterday with Nikki he would be present. Brad stated he would be willing to hold it until the end of the meeting in case Mr. Gray showed up and they could circle back.

## **8. PRAIRIE CREEK REPORT – Dustin Clark**

Dustin stated they are going through restroom dewaterization. They have found some leaks which they are working on now. One of our long-term laborers, Mike, is helping us with that. They've called out the plumbers to deal with the more significant issues. We're still working on some tree issues and he gave a shout out to Kellie & Chris from Urban Forestry. From previous tree work some additional issues were identified. We brought it to her attention and she quickly came out, did an assessment, agreed with a majority of it and is already working on some of those things. So we want to give a big shout out to Kellie & Chris as it's a big help to get some of those cleaned up before the beginning of the season.

If you guys have been online, go and vote on the shower house upgrades. We are gonna continue to invest in the infrastructure and facilities out there and we want your input. So vote, go on Facebook. There's new industrial flooring that is the same that Public Works and Muncie Sanitary have put in. It is an extreme industrial floor which involves grinding down through the concrete, resurface it then build it back up. We're also working on contract bids to do some other upgrades to the shower house. We hope to



announce those shortly but for now get out there and vote on the flooring. Make it what you want. So the campers that use that facility, make sure you give us your input.

Camper Kick-off is coming. Obviously we're getting closer to the start of the season so the Friends of Prairie Creek are hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for the campers on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, tentatively at 2 pm. It is just for campers so we do want to welcome them back to participate. Dustin stated he will be donating some eggs and challenged the Board to donate some eggs for the kids to help them get re-acclimated to the campgrounds. He stated he was sure Brad was going to donate some eggs and Brad responded that he would.

Opening season is upon us and leases are due for both seasonal camp and seasonal docks by March 31, 2023. This is the same deadline we've always had, nothing new, please be aware, March 31<sup>st</sup> is rapidly approaching. If for some reason you are having trouble, please come out to 6400 S County Road 575, that is the new office and talk to us in person. If that doesn't work and you want to get us after hours, we have a 24 hour drop box that is secure and goes into a little safe. So you can use the 24 hour drop box, day or night, for your packet and payment before March 31<sup>st</sup>. If you're having even more trouble you can call (765) 747-4872, that's the main line to the new office and somebody there will walk you through. We have new staff, it's great and we're helping as many people as we can, so we're excited about that. If that doesn't work, we have a digital reservation system now. You can go onto [muncie.in.gov/campnow](http://muncie.in.gov/campnow) to make your reservation there. Or we can send you a digital invoice and through there you can click through some links via email, you'll fill out some stuff and you'll be a reoccurring customer and can set up your payment, do intermittent payments and can pay by card. You can sign your document, just like Docusign, all online, all from your phone. So, no excuses, there's a myriad of opportunities, so we want to see everybody come back.

Speaking of come back, we need more people to come back. Summertime staff is needed. We are looking for office staff, beach attendants. We've hired some security but we are really on a big push to add security. So we're starting some of those interview processes and would love to see some more people. I want to give a shout out to Chief Sloan. He has already dedicated some MPD officer staff to come out and we are working with him and Chief Deegan to continue to explore a more evening presence. That has not come through yet but we are giving them time as they have a lot to work through but we are still working on that. Chief Sloan has already committed to adding additional MPD staff Monday – Friday. We also need labor so we can plant flowers. We need to add mulch to make it beautiful and welcoming. If you have that passion and you want to come out to mow and weed-eat for eight hours a day, we'd like to have you.

Dustin introduced Mike Deaton & Ryan Uhrick from Deaton's Waterfront Docks who they have been working with for a number of years. They have a brief presentation tonight to talk about our new floating piers installation at Prairie Creek. Along with that, as a reminder this is a system that has been in use at the Sailing Club for nine years.

In 2020 we started doing some campground meetings. Security was big on everyone's minds along with improving docks and infrastructure. We are making a commitment to do that, and this is a big part. Prairie Creek has been out of ADA dock compliance since its inception and with these gentlemen's help, Mayor Dan Ridenour put in the first six docks on his own out of his EDIT funds. This year we are pulling the trigger on the last four so we will be 100% in compliance on the ADA docks on opening day. With that he turned the floor over to Mike and Ryan.

Mike Deaton and Ryan Uhrick introduced themselves to the Board and reiterated they have been working with the Sail Club for nine years for the same issue Prairie Creek is experiencing with the labor intensive wooden docks. EZ Dock is a low density modular polyethylene dock that has been around since 1991. It's made in the USA in Monett, MO. It's great for residential and commercial applications and its low maintenance. Once you have it in the water it isn't something you have to worry about or about pulling it in and out on a consistent basis.

They placed a cross section of a dock on the front table for everyone to see. It's 15 inches in height and every 19 1/2 inches there's pockets around the perimeter where you can put these rubber dog bones to connect multiple sections, end to end, side to side. You can go out 90 degrees, add on to the system or reconfigure it. Dustin interjected they are like legos, as you can configure them how you want.

This is Phase 1 of hopefully 3. We will start off with 240 slips this year. They showed a layout of the first 10 piers which would be 210 slips and Pier 11, which is the ADA dock we will add another 4 ADA slips to go along with the 6 that were put in last year. So there will be ADA slips at the north and south ends of the park. And showed the last two piers they will be putting in at windsurf.

Dustin stated their current docks are roughly 30 inches wide and asked how wide will the new center section be? Ryan replied the cross section is almost 60 inches wide and each of the fingers that comes off the cross section are 40 inches wide. Every part of the dock will be wider than it currently is with the stationary piers. Dustin added that over the years a lot of Prairie Creek people have either attempted to install on their own or requested assistance in putting up a handrail to go from a hard surface to the ramp and asked if they could explain what was at the front of the slide. Ryan stated at the front of every gangway that attaches to the docks, will have railing on both sides. That will be

standard with every gangway including the ADA docks. The ADA dock will have a bit of a longer gangway to meet the slope that is needed. It will have railing and a transition plate. There will be railing along the side from the dock going out to the slips. The first four slips will have curbing on them to help prevent anyone with a wheelchair from falling off. Dustin added the ADA docks are open and available. Interested parties just need to contact Prairie Creek office to sign up. We will work with you to make sure we get the documentation on file. Please know there are at least four available spaces at North Shore and three or four unclaimed spaces from last year and there is no additional cost.

Shannon inquired if the storage issue had been resolved and Dustin stated it is being addressed. They are pulling aside funding from advertising and education to ensure they have a secure space to store them.

They stated the new piers can withstand the snow and ice and due to their flexibility from the rubber coupling system they can roll and rise with the waves which helps to prevent damage. They can withstand hurricanes and strong tides. Brad inquired if the gangway pictured is similar to what we're going to have. Ryan stated it will be pretty similar though the one pictured is longer but it will have the railing, the transition plate and he believes Dustin stated they were working with the City Engineer to have concrete laid down. Dustin stated Adam Leach, City Engineer and Public Works have come out to survey the area for a new parking area with two ADA parking spaces by Pier 11 and a concrete entrance leading to the transition plate. Shannon inquired if that would be ready this season and Dustin responded they are going to do their best, weather permitting.

James inquired if the docks will move up and down with the water line and they responded in the affirmative. James asked if one could tie their boat tight to the dock and not have to worry about a big rain. They replied it will just rise with the water and the boat. James added that will be better on the boats. Ryan stated there will be cleats on the dock, and Mike interjected each finger will come standard with two cleats on each side.

Ryan discussed some of the accessories that will eventually be available to dock holders later this year and/or next year which includes a poly post which gives them something to hold onto when getting on or off the boat, additional cleats, dock bumpers, corner gusset, corner dock box for additional storage, battery operated solar lights that fit into the empty pockets, and a residential kayak launch. They then showed the proposed final layout of the 760 and Dustin added the reminder that they are not adding additional boats or docks at the reservoir. We are taking the existing slips and putting them on a more sustainable system. Shannon inquired if they would consider possibly adding



another ADA slip in the future and Dustin replied they absolutely would and in Phase 3 they might be able to. He also stated they are also looking at implementing an ADA fishing pier at some point.

Brad asked for confirmation that all the ADA docks are not full and Dustin confirmed they still have ADA slips available. James inquired what the expected timeline is for Phase 2. Dustin responded it will be next year. The goal, assuming funding comes through, and they are blessed with additional revenue from the fees, and grant opportunities, they plan to do this every year until they complete it. They may fall short due to an unexpected emergency but they do plan on completing the phases and would like each phase to be consecutive. Dustin stated this year was paid completely by Prairie Creek and ARP funds, no new revenue from price increases and no city tax dollars or funds.

James inquired if the bumpers would be available this year and they stated they would be. Brad interjected he believed Dustin and staff were still working through which accessories would be provided, rented or owned by dock holders. Dustin responded they are working through the liability issues and are excited about the options they can provide us long term which far exceeds anything that can be done with the current system. We don't have it worked out as this was just officially approved right before the last Board of Works meeting, about a month ago and we are trying to get everything done in under 30 days. Dustin stated many people are very appreciative of the improvements being made and they have been talking to our staff about the work and it is something they want to continue and get this foundation in.

Brad stated they had discussed it before but asked Dustin to discuss how they picked these docks. Dustin stated he has been talking to Deaton's for many years and they came out in a boat to survey the site. We then discussed it with the long-term staff, Junior Cook, that has been working on the current docks for years and he helped guide them on the first places we needed to try these new ones out. We've been told these can stay in and withstand everything but we did try to be conservative during year one. We picked a cove and some on the main lake to try and make sure everything is going to be good as this is a substantial investment.

Brad asked if there were any other questions for Dustin or Deaton's. Dustin stated there was one photo he had that he wanted them to confirm that though the slips look like they go out far, we are talking about a massive sized body of water. If you took the narrowest points and two of the longest pieces that still leaves about 274 feet in between to pass your boat, to go under the bridge, to go back and go fishing, to bring your boat in and out. That's 274 feet in between the docks to still maneuver your boat and get in and out of port.

Brad asked Deaton's compared to other places they have installed these docks, is this a tight quarters or small confinement for boat navigation and they stated no it isn't. They are about 30 feet apart and are pretty wide open. It should be fairly easy to navigate.

Brad asked if Dustin had anything else or any events. Dustin mentioned the Easter Egg Hunt and the Camper kick-off on April 8<sup>th</sup> around 2 pm. They are proposing if they have one or two new piers open for people to walk on, having an Open House for the new pier sometime mid-April, possibly April 12<sup>th</sup>. Dustin will provide the first 100 hot dogs for hot dogs, chips and sodas, if people want to come out and get a feel for the new piers. The crew from Deaton's will be out there to answer questions and will bring samples of the future amenities. Shannon inquired about the time and Dustin stated lunch time. Dustin stated the closer they get to the date, they will post it on their Facebook page, the City's Facebook page and the Prairie Creek page on the City website.

**To see the entire presentation, please visit the City of Muncie Facebook Live dated March 21, 2023.**

## **9. OLD BUSINESS –**

**Skate Park** - Brad stated he would entertain a motion to vote for the Skate Park Coalition to move forward and to allocate the space for the Skate Park inside Westside Park. Motion presented by Chandra and seconded by Shannon.

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

Brad stated he believed this gives them one more layer of support and if they need a written letter of recommendation from the Board this will be a good step for them. Shannon stated she believes they need to add that to the 5 Year Master Plan so there is some documentation in there. Brad added now that they are 2 ½ years into the 5 Year Plan, it is probably due for an internal review to see the progress being made and before we know it we will be making another 5 Year Plan. Shannon added she will look at the template from the State and bring that before the Board next month.

## **10. NEW BUSINESS –**

**Elm Street Park** – Mayor Ridenour requested the Board add the Elm Street Park project to the updated 5 Year Plan as that will be required for when they apply for DNR funding for the project.

For the sake of transparency, Shannon gave an update on two grants she and George applied for.

Community Foundation –they have submitted the Letter of Intent for the first phase last week and if the initial proposal is accepted it can be taken to full status. It covers all of our requests that would fall under the Parks budget. So that included funding for Skate Park new additions, an education center at Prairie Creek and equipment for Parks Programming.

Ball Brother Foundation Grant – they submitted the full proposal for a Ball Brother Grant which largely be for Parks Programming.

Brad thanked Shannon for all the time she's spent on the grants.

Brad inquired if there was any other new business from the Board and there was none. Brad reminded everyone as we head into tax season, the Parks does have a not-for-profit that you can donate to and support the parks. It is managed through The Community Foundation and is a great way to get a tax write-off and support your local parks.

## **11. ACTION ITEMS**

Brad asked if there were any action items to be presented to the Board and there were none. He stated he didn't see any representation for the car show and asked George if he had any recommendations. George asked if they could extend it one more month as the event isn't until May and he would try to get the answer regarding parking. Brad stated the preference is that he be present to answer the questions but would accept and entertain an email with the specifics.

Brad asked for any action items or events for approval from the public. There were none.

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

Brad stated he didn't see any names on the list for Public Input but asked if there was any other general comment from the public tonight.

Mike Anderson of Prairie Creek RV & Pontoon Storage asked on the new docks if there was any way we could get a number system for the docks so they can determine pontoon spots when coming around with a boat. Could the numbers possibly go on the arm at the front so they can know what pier to turn into?

Brad asked Dustin if they finalized the numbering procedure for either the new dock style or the old ones for this coming year. Dustin showed on the last 12 pages of the packets, the numbering system showing where each individual boat will go. They are doing away with the old AB system and all of the slips will be numbered from 1 til the end. From north to south it goes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. So every pier has a number, on that pier that are boats on either side with evens on the right and odds on the left. James asked if there was a numbering system coming in from the water. Dustin replied as they move forward with it, they are going to look at either the benches or other options so you can



see what pier number you are from the water. From the land they all will have plastic signs and once everything is in its permanent position, they will be switched to metal. This year they will be plastic with vinyl numbers on each side where each boat is. Brad asked how they will see the numbers from the water. Dustin stated there are back facing benches that can be used by placing a placard on the back, so from the water you would be able to see what pier you're on. Brad asked, what's the vision for this year, as he anticipates there may be some issues the first time some of the boaters go out. Dustin stated it will be an intermittent system using the poles and spray paint the number on the back. He doesn't want that as a long term solution because it's not that big and we want to get to the back side of that bench with a sign. James asked if there were rules in place to prevent self-modification of the pier slips. Dustin stated they don't but since they just passed the new set of rules, they can always make amendments and adjustments. We do have a rule in place that was adopted, stating you cannot destroy, molest, alter, cut or do anything to park property and since we own that, we could technically be covered but we can add that into the individual dock lease for next year. James stated that should be addressed before boating season as he can see people putting screws in it. Mr. Anderson asked if he could put little red stickers so he could see when he pulled around and Dustin stated that is something to be entertained but they will review all options before giving anyone approval.

Mr. Anderson inquired about the gates for the piers. Mike Deaton stated there are lots of different gate options ranging in pricing and all the options can be added later. They can be land based or on the dock. They are typically 8 – 10 feet tall and span the walkway of the dock protruding out onto the water so no one can go around without swimming in the water. They are all aluminum construction, so they are going to last for years and we can cater to the access needs, whether it be lock and key, keypad or a combo. Brad interjected this would essentially secure the pier and prevent unauthorized individuals from having access to it. Ryan stated that is correct and the only other access to the pier would be from the water. Shannon inquired if the current wood docks have security and Brad responded they don't and there has been a lot of theft and unauthorized activity causing it to be a big concern. James inquired if they were very expensive and they stated it would depend on which product they go with and they could get tiered pricing in line.

Dustin inquired what they would estimate on gate prices from the lowest low end to the highest end. Ryan stated the most basic would be about \$2,500.00 for a basic kiosk collapsible like at the mall. The more you get into the locking mechanism the higher the price goes. The one for \$7,500 could essentially stop a tank. There is one that has a keypad so essentially a dock holder could have a code and only access their assigned pier and not the others.

Mayor Ridenour inquired about the price and availability. They stated the gates are custom built and these would be built in Pendleton, IN for this project.

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

**\* Next Park Board meeting is currently scheduled for April 18, 2023 at 6 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium.**



# McKinley Neighborhood Park Proposal Muncie, IN

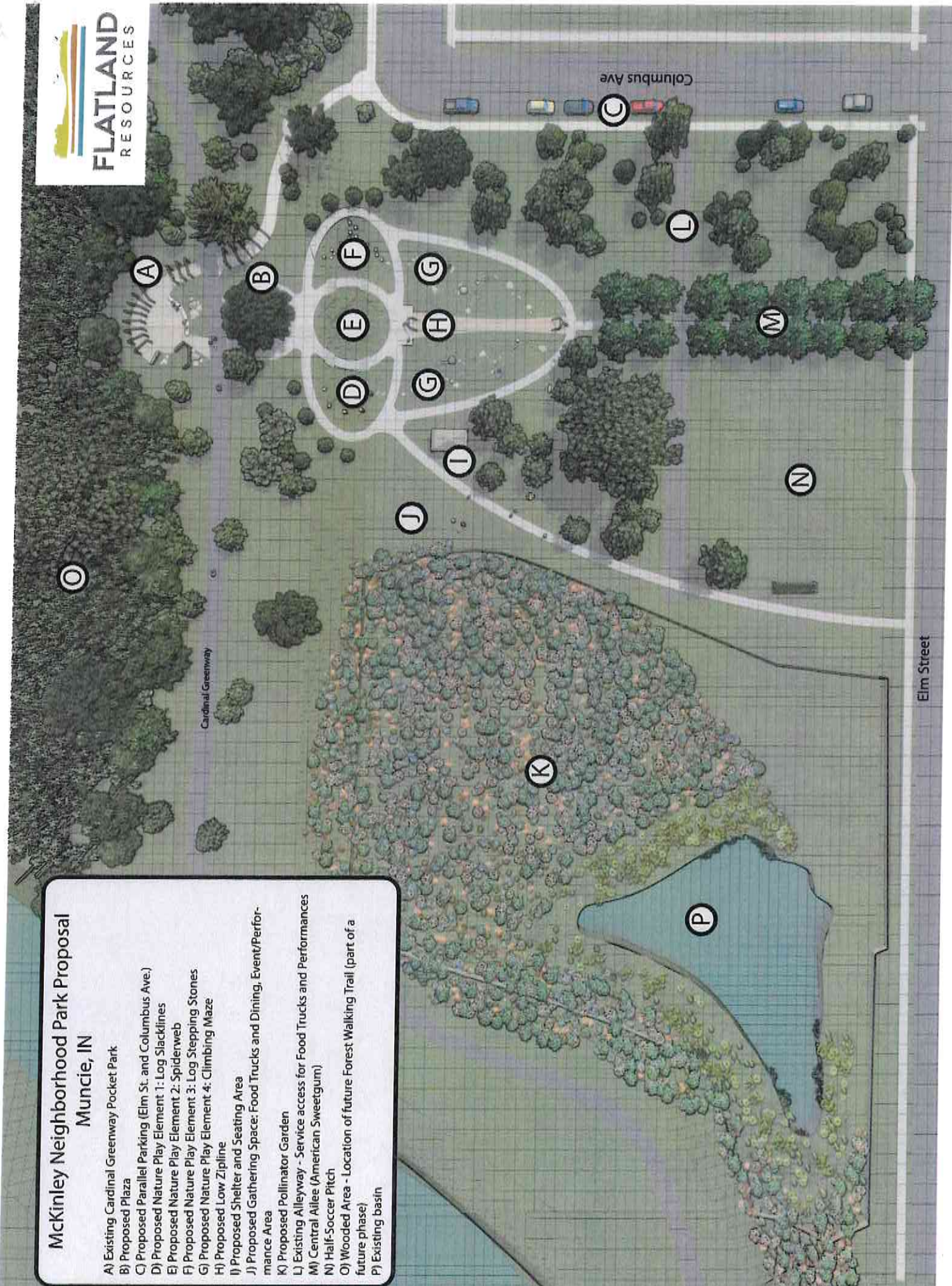
- A) Existing Cardinal Greenway Pocket Park
- B) Proposed Plaza
- C) Proposed Parallel Parking (Elm St. and Columbus Ave.)
- D) Proposed Nature Play Element 1: Log Slacklines
- E) Proposed Nature Play Element 2: Spiderweb
- F) Proposed Nature Play Element 3: Log Stepping Stones
- G) Proposed Nature Play Element 4: Climbing Maze
- H) Proposed Low Zipline
- I) Proposed Shelter and Seating Area
- J) Proposed Gathering Space; Food Trucks and Dining, Event/Performance Area
- K) Proposed Pollinator Garden
- L) Existing Alleyway - Service access for Food Trucks and Performances
- M) Central Aisle (American Sweetgum)
- N) Half-Soccer Pitch
- O) Wooded Area - Location of future Forest Walking Trail (part of a future phase)
- P) Existing basin



Cardinal Greenway

Elm Street

Columbus Ave



































# Park Board Meeting Public Input Sign In Sheet

Date: 3/21/23

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