

Muncie Park & Recreation Board Meeting

September 17, 2024 6 p.m.

City Hall Auditorium

- 1. CALL TO ORDER-** Brad Marshall called the 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, and Mark Ervin. Chandra Parks and James Lutton were absent.
- 4. APPROVAL OF AUGUST BOARD MINUTES**

Shannon motioned for the approval of the August minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Mark.

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 started the cleaning process of all the splash pads at Cooley, Halteman, Riverview, Thomas, and Tuhey. What the Board has in front of you are pictures showing the caked on dirt and stuff that has built up over the period of the summer. Our Park's team will go out and start cleaning next week. One picture shows Cooley and the second one being Thomas showing the surfacing as is. When we come back for next month's Board meeting it'll be a different photo showing the cleaning process being completed. All five splash pads are in need of deep cleaning as well as Tuhey pool and we'll be getting started on that tomorrow as well. Wanted the Board to know that we a lot of cleaning needs to be done after closing the pool for the summer and the splash pads as well.

Tuhey Pool we closed a little early this summer due to vandalism and some other minor maintenance issues. We're going to start winterization just as soon as we get done with the cleaning and then we'll start removing the shade structures and things of that nature to get us ready for the winter. Next month we'll have a report from the YMCA

about admission fees and all that good stuff, all that information will be before us. We can have that prepared and put before the Board at next month's meeting.

Halteman Park – I was out there just the other day and saw the work being done. Brad and the individual neighbors out there really did a good job in putting some of those dollars in place to improve the parks. We really appreciate that. The shade structure looks good. The benches are in place, as well as the mulch. And I've seen several kids and families out there on that new play structure. So thanks to the neighborhood association, we appreciate that.

Storer Park - There's been some conversations about responsibilities and things of that nature for the park. We are in the process of working through what's the Park Departments responsibility. We know it's a park, but in terms of the mowing and upkeep, we're trying to work through that. The final phase of the playground structure is in place. Yesterday about noon CRG completed putting the final playground structures in place. The only concern that the neighborhood has is there's not been any identified parking. The road that goes in between where the homes are going to be built, the play structure itself and the pickle ball court is very narrow, so they were concerned about kids riding their bikes and then being pinched in between cars that are trying to park on the side of the road. There's one spot that I did look at today that could be talked about for potential parking. Right now, I don't know who's responsible to create parking. But as it is now, parking been identified. Shannon interjected, it seems like my memory we discussed this when it originally came up a few years ago, and the two parking options presented were street parking or at the church a few blocks away. Carl stated he met Ryan, the president of the association out there a couple times and he's got some questions that he liked answered. He's been trying to narrow people down to talk so that we can all be on the same page, but that hasn't happened yet. A couple of the neighbors came across while I was there and we want to make sure that the neighborhood association people and the actual residents that live close by the park are involved and we address some of their concerns regarding parking along the homes on the road, enter into the park with some signage, things of that nature, as it looks congested when buses pull through on that one side. So that was a concern from some of the residents. Getting everybody together to talk about it is the first step.

Riverview - we're still waiting on completion and installation of work to be completed on park restrooms. I've had a conversation with Dave from Flatlands about park benches being installed throughout Riverview but far as when that's going to happen we do not know. For the restrooms it's the same thing. That's a final piece that's supposed to go in that park.

Brad asked if there were any other questions for Carl and there were none.

6. PARKS PROGRAMMING – George Foley, Programs Director

George stated he didn't have a lot to report on programming.

Baseball - We partnered with Muncie RBI, which is a baseball group ran by Norm West. They've been using Gainbridge for their baseball tournament that goes on every Sunday from 9 am to 7 pm, for young men ages 10 to 14. They just finished the second week of that and have two more weeks. They have about six teams with 12 players on each team. We're kind of doing as requested, getting some young people out there playing on the baseball field. And we're planning for some stuff next year that I'll be getting with the board on.

Softball – We partnered with Randy O 'Connor, who we've had a good partnership with from The Barn Academy. Their coaches are doing softball drills with young ladies ages 10 to 14. We wanted to also thank them for helping us turn the field and make the make the softball field look a little bit better being that we're shorthanded. Some of the parents have come out and helped us with the softball field at Heekin Park over the past couple weeks. Softball will last for about a month up until October when the weather turns.

Trunk or Treat - our annual Trunk or Treat, will be a Heekin Park on October 19th from 6 to 8 pm. Cars are able to start setting up their trunks at 5 o'clock. We wanted to thank some donors who have already. We have pledges for about 500 hot dogs, buns, and chips for the event right now. That helps our budget a little bit, as far as what we need for the kids. We are hoping to have another good turnout, and a safe event. We've already had organizations call in wanting to set up for the event. We are looking forward to that event coming up here soon.

Brad asked if there were any other questions for George and Shannon inquired if there would be Fall Soccer and George replied soccer starts this Saturday at Ball Corp and that'll run for the next four Saturdays. The staff has done a good job of cleaning the field, and getting the parking lot ready for the parents coming in and out for that week. We finally had a chance to get the scoreboard installed and wanted to thank the Sanitation and Street Department for their help with that. Brian Cole from the Street Department helped us with electricity and the Sanitation Department helped us lift it up and get the scoreboard fastened. The only thing we're waiting on is AEP to come connect the electric and then we'll have a scoreboard for soccer and football for the coming years.

Brad asked if there were any events for approval and George replied he had a few.

EVENT APPROVALS:

Southside Neighborhood Association – They are requesting to use Ball Corp Park on October 22nd from 4:30 – 7:30. They've done this before and will be doing kickball and basketball with the neighborhood and the police come out as well. He believes Carl has played before but he didn't think he is going to be able to get out there this year. They invite all the neighbors to come out and are expecting about 75 to 100 people. Security will be provided by Muncie Police Department as they'll be out there involved in the day. The Sheriff's Department, EMT, and the firefighters. There will be no vendors there, and they would like to borrow our baseball markers for the kickball game.

Shannon motioned for the approval of the event. Motion was seconded by Mark.

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

Medieval Reenactment-Belegarth – Northaven Belegarth, David Vest is the responsible party for this event at Westside Park on September 28th from 8 am to 8 pm. The event is a Medieval Reenactment Belegarth and they are expecting 50 to 200 people. They will have security provided by Gaston Police Department. At the time they don't have any vendors but will update and gain permission if vendors are needed. The only thing they're requesting is extra trash from the Parks Department. Shannon asked to confirm it is for Westside Park and 50 to 100 people. George confirmed the information and stated they did provide a memorandum from Gaston Police that they're providing security for the event.

Shannon motioned for the approval of the event. Motion was seconded by Mark.

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

George passed out flyers to the Board for the Cabin 6 open house to be held on Wednesday, September 25th at the McCulloch Park cabin to show the public, Board, City Council and Administration, the renovations that were made to the cabin on the outside and inside. It really looks a lot better on the inside and the outside and that is thanks to Gretchen and Community Development.

7. PRAIRIE CREEK REPORT – Dustin Clark, Supervisor & Tawny Hill, Operations Manager

Dustin stated they have had a fantastic month and he is pretty happy with how things are kind of winding down for the season. We kind of ended the year with kind of a

couple nice events. Brad and I had an opportunity to talk to the event coordinators and make some corrections for next year.

We have closed the beach for the season which runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The beach is now closed for the year.

Some of the other things that we've done over the last month is work on bathhouse repairs, fighting some end-of-the-year bugs and wasps, working on water softeners, electrical issues, and the addition of an exhaust fan is something we're working on right now. Just a few months ago we put on a new metal roof, and in the past couple of weeks, we've added log poles to the front of the bathhouse, and now we'll be working on painting the exterior of the building. We trying to keep working on the campground and make some improvements there where we can.

They're also working on a sign program. So every site is being labeled and numbered with fresh new signs. They are metal, reflective, and this is to help campers, visitors, and also our friends in the emergency services when they have to come find a particular site. For EMS to drive somewhere having a large number kind of helps them. So we're moving forward and that project actually should have wrapped up today, if not by the weekend. They were putting out the last of the signs around noon. Some of them we'll have to fix and reorient. But for the most part, I think that numbering system all went through today.

We're also doing some sewer work. Last meeting, there was a direct question if we thought anybody was going to have to move. We still don't think anybody is going to have to move. But we are doing some sewer work. There is some spray paint on the ground and 811 was called so nothing is going to impact anybody as of yet but they are working on that system. We are still intending for everybody to stay right where they are for winter, but we are going to do some sewer work to try to bring as much up to speed infrastructure wise as we can.

We're also working on adding additional ADA parking, especially down by the boat ramp. We added an ADA compliant dock and an ADA compliant ramp. Now we are adding a pathway and now we are looking to add additional ADA parking spaces. So that's another project.

Dustin informed the Board that Tawney had an opportunity to go do the horse trail survey and he'll let her talk on that but added that getting that side of the park in order is something that we've been needing to do for a while and Tawny's done an amazing job connecting and working with them.

He also reminded the Board that the Education Center is still open, and it is still free. We have a saber-toothed tiger, a pterodactyl and an 11 foot Paleolithic Turtle. So you

guys have to come in and see these things. We've also been working on the prehistory wall. When we opened up we had regular history, human history, Indiana history, and Muncie Delaware County history. Now we've been working on prehistory. Today we acquired some more fossils that are millions of years old that the kids can touch. All of this is free and open to the public. It's open to campus during the year. It's open to school groups, so they are continually making progress on that education center. So that's cool. We invite everybody else.

Dustin shared with the Parks Board in case they haven't already seen it, they will notice that on the Board of Works, they're going to open a bid for a trail project. That is based on a grant we were awarded. We are going to continue working on the long-term goal of the five -year master plan of getting a trail to circumnavigate the park. We should be taking it from roughly the mountain bike trails at the southeast end and running it all the way up to just about the sailboat club. We're making good ground. So you'll see about a quarter million dollar bid package be opened in the next day or so.

Dustin turned it over to Tawny to talk about her trail survey with the horses and he thought she had a couple of events for approval.

Tawny stated the horse group took her through the trails a couple weeks ago. They do a really good job at keeping those trails clean, so I want to say thank you to them. They go down and cut the trees blocking the trails. He stops and cuts them right there, and moves them out of the way. It looks really, really good. They put up some new signs that they'd been needing for a while, so it's really good. We're working with them to try to improve it and know what's going on a little bit more since none of us have horses. It took two hours to go through the trails with them. She added we redid the well house a few months ago. It's all updated the outside of it. It's all brand new. It's a lot cleaner looking. It looks really good. Shannon asked what we use the well house for. Is it more just historical or is it actually functional? Dustin replied it is part of the health department code for the area. It contains the only potable water system over there, both for horses and people to keep that as a campsite. Tawny added that building was so old that people were breaking into it. They were going and living in it. Every time we tried to repair it, they would just pull off the new boards and go in there and sleep or have parties. We were cleaning up some crazy things out of there every couple weeks as it is pretty private over there, making it a good place for people to go hide. Dustin added they can't get into it anymore as it's now got a security door with a lock system that matches our keys on our side of the park so it's not just a house key anymore. The exterior, the roof, everything from top to bottom has been redone. Pridemark came out and did an amazing job and it's just been painted and cleaned up. That building probably hadn't been touched in the last two or three decades. It was it used to be the old security building from the other side of the park that got moved over as a concession stand. So it's kind of a nice, usable building now. There is storage in it now and we will offer that

again to the horse club. Tawny interjected they've been trying to lock the gates at night and opening them in the morning to keep the traffic out of there. The people that live across the street will report guns being fired in the middle of the night and things like that. So they put those gates up and we're locking them at night.

Brad asked if there were any questions for Dustin or Tawny and Shannon inquired about the projected date of starting that trail work from that grant. Dustin replied the goal would be 2025. When we open the bid package, we'll work with the new contractor on a start date. The goal would be to start in 2025 and see how much clearing of invasive vegetation we could remove prior to the first good hard freeze. Tawny added they've already improved the ATV trails. She called some companies in that all cleared out the ATV trails, which she doesn't think had been done for a while. She added they've quadrupled their profit this year, and now we have a group that's taken over the ATV trails for the first time. That's really pretty cool. Dustin added they brought in a FECOM machine and literally cleared the banks and the sides back six feet. Tawny stated that helped a lot, and they've gotten a lot of compliments on that. They've seen a lot of increased traffic on those trails this year. Shannon asked if people come from outside of Delaware County, and both Tawny and Dustin replied yes they do. They've had people come in from quite some ways away. They have at least one family that comes from like the Noblesville area with their side-by-sides and ride.

Brad asked if there were any questions for Dustin or Tawny and there were none.

Tawny presented two events for Zack Ruble Triathlon. One is for May 18th of next year and the second is September 28th 2025. They're pretty uniform in what he's asking. We've never had any issues with Zach. He's been doing this for years and always leave the area really clean, and can never even tell they've been there. Both of these will be about 400 people and the only thing that they're asking for is to be there at 5 am. It's going to be from 5 am to 2 pm both of these. Brad asked if there was a conflict or overlap with any other events, and Tawny replied they do not. She added they're just asking to make sure that the grass is mowed in the transition area, and the beach house bathrooms will be accessible. They want the beach and the parking lot raked.

Brad asked if there were any questions about the Ruble Triathlon events and there were none.

Shannon motioned for the approval of the event. Motion was seconded by Mark.

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

Tawny asked the Board for permission to do a Memorial Tree by the ADA Dock they put in this year in honor of Cameron. They had a little boy who came in a lot last year to be

on their boat. It was very hard for them to get on. He was seven and Tawny would watch his mom try and get him out to come into the office and take her about 20-30 minutes to get him out and get him in that wheelchair. So when she came in this year and I told her she got her ADA spot, finally when we got these extra spots in, and I found out that Cameron had passed away. His birthday is coming up on September 26th, and we were wanting to do a little memorial and dedicate that to him on his birthday. Brad stated he knows Cameron spent a lot of time out there at Prairie Creek, so that's unfortunate he didn't get to use that ADA spot this coming year. He thinks this is a great tribute to him and really shows the hard work you guys have done on trying to build up the ADA compliance and accessibility out there.

Brad asked if there were any questions about the Memorial bench and service out there at the Prairie Creek, and there were none. Tawny added they were going to do a bench, but decided on a tree because the ground isn't very good for a bench. They're looking at some colorful trees to bring a little bit of life over there and remind the family of Cameron.

Mark motioned for the approval of the event. Motion was seconded by Shannon.

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

Brad asked if there were any other questions from the Board and there were none.

8. FRIENDS OF PRAIRIE CREEK – Jackie Sciscoe

Jackie said they had their cornhole tournament at the beginning of September and raised some money for the Halloween bash that's coming up on Saturday October 19th. It is just for leaseholders and friends and family so not open to the public this year because we're going to try to do some extra events that we haven't done in the past but we want to keep it kind of small. Our next meeting is October 11th at 7 pm and that's when we're going to finalize the plans for the Halloween bash. Jackie stated that's all they have for tonight.

9. OLD BUSINESS

Brad stated we've got old business these are items that we've previously discussed in the meetings and are still on the agenda. We've got Prairie Creek Rates and Rules. We've been reviewing the rules and he knows we had a large list there last week to review and we had a few more come in this week. We discussed as well some of the other items that weren't in this copy that were in another copy earlier this spring. He doesn't think we're ready to vote on those yet by any means. But those of us that are here on the board can have some discussion and then he'd like to open it up to public discussion on some of those as well. He added he will try to take notes as best as possible but obviously emails

to either the Prairie Creek email or the Muncie Parks email is the best way to get them to the Board and get them documented for us from the public. Shannon asked where they are posted so the public knows where to find them, and Brad replied he thinks there is a copy out there but they're certainly preliminary. He'd personally hope to be able to review some of them before we got all of them published out there. But he thinks they're both on the Prairie Creek site, The Friends of Prairie Creek site, and he doesn't know if we've got them on the City site as he doesn't think Nikki's got those. He asked Dustin if he wanted to share where those are posted or available. Dustin replied he thinks Brad already hit the nail on the head. He thinks the past ones are already up on the City site and the Prairie Creek site. He doesn't know that we have the draft posted because we don't know what is in the draft yet. Dustin added he had a really good exchange just at the beginning of the meeting with some Prairie Creek folks and reiterates these are suggestions. They are open to language, and open to figuring out some of this stuff. This is literally just to get a baseline and kind of correct some of the situations that we've run into over the last season and what we've ran into since we embarked on trying to get a written set of rules. We are very negotiable. Some of these rules came from complaint issues. Some of them come from legal issues that we have to abide by. Some of them are just what we think might be good practices. We are very open to a lot of these. So if you have suggestions for additional rules, rule removal, change the language, we are open to that. He just wanted to put that out there and remind everyone they can email us at prairiecreek@muncie.in.gov. Brad added he and Dustin talked a little bit and he wanted to meet with them to review some of those. He knows the ones sent out today haven't got added in. His goal would be that in the next two or three meetings we can talk through and review the drafts. The goal would be to have a copy that's ready for a vote by the November meeting, maybe the December meeting, to have a vote here before the end of the year. We've still got a couple months before that target.

Tawny stated last year when we had the boat launch fees taken up, we never asked for approval for the boater's education course to go up so we kept it at \$75 all year. That's something that we'll probably discuss raising. We changed the annual and the daily last year, but we forgot about the boater's education course. We really encourage people to take that course.

Brad said this leads kind of directly into the next topic of rates adjustments. He knows that's one that they will be asking for. We did the launch fees last year. We didn't make any adjustments to docks or campgrounds last year. He shared some information with the Board and he'll get Nikki and the Prairie Creek team a copy. It's kind of his list of history there. The same goal there is to discuss and review those next couple of meetings here and have something ready for a vote at the same time. Tawny stated she will send an email out to remind the Board about the increase for the course.

Brad asked if there was any additional discussion from the board at this time about either the rates or rules. Shannon inquired if in a desire to be inclusive there could be a meeting out at Prairie Creek with maybe Dustin and Tawny and The Friends of Prairie Creek onsite outside of one of our meetings. Tawny stated she would absolutely love that as she works for them. She wants to hear from them since that is her job. She added she's absolutely good with that. Dustin added he thinks they would support that. Brad added he knows The Friends of Prairie Creek has a meeting on October 11th. He doesn't know if we can maybe have a portion of that discuss the rules review. Tawny suggested maybe they can make it a little longer if that's okay with Jackie. Brad said they could have some discussion there if that would fit into your agenda. He guesses that gives us a good target date to push for to get something we can call a first draft of these rules and get something together that we can all review together. That still give us time for our October meeting which will be the following week. So that's probably a good window to try to. Brad asked if there were any questions from the Board before he opens it up to the floor as he assumes some of the people in the galley are here for those exact reasons, so we can open that up and start that discussion.

Christy stated she had a couple of quick questions though she was more than happy to send an email with her concerns. She said Brad mentioned that there's something on the Muncie website and inquired what is on there currently? Brad replied on the city website is the current rules. So that would be if you wanted to compare any of the drafts to what is current, the current rules are posted on the city site.

Christy asked is there a way because not everybody has social media and not everybody is tech savvy, we do have an older population, so how do they get notified of these changes and rate increases and whatnot before it happens. Brad replied the best way is reach out to the office and they can get information for you and the rate increases or any changes will obviously be in the mailings on the renewals. When we established the first full set of rules we did send out copies, right now that's not the intention to send those full copies out as that's a pretty heavy burden for the staff and for the mailing costs, but certainly we'll have hard copies available in the office. Those are probably the best ways, either reaching out directly to the office or the Board.

Brad asked if there were any other questions from the Board or the public and there were none.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Brad stated we've got a new business item. He doesn't want to step on Carl's toes here, but he thinks he has an idea what this is about and it's a topic that came up out of Prairie Creek last year as well. It's kind of differentiating between what is a cabin rental and what's an event. By happenstance we got the list from Prairie Creek of what they're wanting to define as an event and I think we're going to need something similar in the

parks to establish what's considered an event, and what's a shelter rental or a facility rental. Carl added, he wanted to clarify when people call the office wanting to rent a shelter or a cabin, normally they walk in or they make a phone call to Nikki's office and asks if a specific cabin is available and she checks availability, then it's booked or whatever if one is available. Any individual resident in Delaware County that wants to rent a cabin can come in, provide ID, fill out the necessary paperwork, make their deposit, and make sure they understand all the rules. That's how we've always done it. That's been standard practice and procedure for our team for as long as I know. Any special events from anyone-- I think you and I had conversation in reference to different political parties, whether you're an Independent party, Republican, or Democrat, we don't ask those things when they come into the office. And a lot of times we haven't even had a chance to say no to anyone because we have not been approached to put on an event. We had an event this weekend and there was a lot of questions about who approved for that group to have an event. It wasn't a group, it was an individual that came in just like anybody else would and requested to rent the cabin. They did the paperwork, gave Nikki the necessary identification and the money, and their event event took place. However, there were questions on that type of event and I think legal was contacted. Carl stated he was out of state in Memphis so he wasn't able to go on site. But he did call Brad and George to have some conversation about it. He just wanted to make sure that we all were on the same page, or see if it's something we need to have further discussion about, but he doesn't know if tonight is the night to have that. Political people in the past have not been entertained by the Parks. But if we do it for one, we will do it for all. He stated he's not here to make that decision. He's strictly an advocate for all and he's not in support of telling one group no, yet telling this group. That's something that the Board needs to make a decision on how that's handled. He thinks Brad read the I.C. Code, and saw what the I.C. Code stated.

Brad stated he's not a legal person, and they don't have to take any of his legal advice, but the way he interpreted the code was that events at the park have to be approved by the superintendent. Historically, the way it's been handled events are deferred to the Board, and the superintendent takes the Board's recommendation. So it does say that it's superintendent approval, but that's what the Board is doing, is recommending for the superintendent. Now there's probably some gray area that Carl could make a decision on an event against the board's recommendation, but historically that's not been the case. That's always been how it was approved. So, that's where I think the code clearly states some events that have to get approval. We've went above and beyond that other events also require approval, and that's what we're having come in to the meetings. But I think we can probably do better and avoid some confusion. Maybe it's a simple three list check box or some of these provisions that what is an event and do you need it to come to before the board. Certainly don't want to add more work to Nikki, but also want to be able to protect ourselves and make it as easy as possible for people to use

the parks. Carl agreed. Shannon stated she agreed and she was going to suggest we revisit the form and just have some boxes on there. What is the purpose of this event? Is this a religious event? Is this a political event? Is this any sort of exclusionary right off the back? And if any of those are checked, then we know that, you know, they can't have those events. Nikki interjected, the difference was this was not any of those. It was literally just a person saying hey I want to rent a cabin. Most people just say it's either for family gathering, a birthday party or whatever. But there's nothing that says that they have to tell us what the cabin rental is for. When we do get calls from people asking to have political events, she tells them that they have to fill out the form and it will have to get approved by the Board. But if someone's coming in for a cabin rental or a shelter rental, we don't know. Shannon added, they didn't identify to Nikki it was for an event. Nikki asked how deep the Board wants her to dig if someone says they're having a family gathering. Does she ask if it's for nuclear, extended, a friend that's like family? Brad said he thinks that's where we can add some references in that form that shows and states out explicitly these do require an answer, without us being too intrusive. We don't need all the details, but we need to protect ourselves and know that these have to be approved events versus basic rental.

Carl said the other thing is those direct questions that were asked of him were, who approved, did it go before the Board and those type things. He added if we can be proactive and improve that, if it's something that we need to look at the IC code again and say do we do this or do we just say no, I just don't know. This happened over the weekend so that's why I wanted to come before the Board to talk a little bit about it. He talked to Nikki and George about it and Brad as well, and then he thinks legal got involved. So we just want to make sure we're fair and we're open to the people in the community who wants to use the space. Shannon added she thinks we use it as a learning experience, make some revisions and move on. The Board agreed.

11. ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

Shannon stated she probably should have brought this up under old business but she and George wanted to give an update on where we are with the grants. She stated they are in a holding pattern but have feelers out for four grants. We have four grants out there. Two of them are letters of intent and if they get approved then we're allowed to apply for full grants or full proposal submission. They're all related to the summer teen internship program. They're focusing on that, but we'll know at the end of September about the 21st Century Learning Center Grant, which is a federal grant that's overseen by the state. That's for the workforce education program. It's also a school program and also its recreation as well. So that would bolster and include year-round recreation, arts, physical activity, music, and that's a four-year grant. Then we'll know at the start of

November about the IU Health grant. That's a three-year grant, workforce education program. And then we're still waiting for the NBA Foundation. We submitted in March but we have not heard anything but we've got to wait our turn until they get to it. Yeah. The PACER Foundation Grant for Heekin Park refurbishment of that court has also been submitted. So that's where we're at with grants.

Shannon added she had new business as well. She wanted to bring up there is the Tuhey Park meeting with the Normal City/Riverside Neighborhood Association next week. Brad added the Neighborhood Association is working with a couple groups to get some visioning for Tuhey and what they might dream up there. So it's coming up. He assumes they'll come before the Board at some point with a proposal or some ideas that come out of that meeting. We don't have a lot of details there, but that's progress. He encourages all the Neighborhood Associations to envision and dream and come up with thoughts for the park and certainly reach out to George, Carl or the Board to help figure out a way to make those things happen. So the priorities really engaging with neighborhoods and making them useful in the areas that they're located.

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

Brad asked for those signed onto the list for Public Input. There were none.

Meeting was adjourned by Brad Marshall, President.

*** Next Park Board meeting is currently scheduled for October 15, 2024, at 6 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium.**