PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD PARK OVERSIGHT BOARD MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AUGUST 2, 2023

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The Parks and Recreation Board met in regular session on August 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at VMP Depot.

ROLL CALL:

The following members were present at the Call to Order: Tom Geglein, Shelly Powers, Gregg Bostwick, William Heistand, Bobbie Williams, Jim Williams, Shelby Anspach (Oversight), Terry Johnson (Oversight & MMI) and Lou Potter (Oversight & MMI).

ALSO PRESENT:

Ben Amburgey, Tiffani Tobias, Service Department and two visitors.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Blake Ahlgrim was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the May 3, 2023 and July 4, 2023 minutes.

Mr. Heistand moved to accept the minutes as submitted.

VOICE VOTE. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

VISITORS COMMENTS:

Samantha Howard with the Jr. Spartan Football Board recommended that the parks have defibrillators in case of an emergency.

Tim Tullio recommend additional Pickleball Courts at Kercher. This is beginning to be a very popular sport for many.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Mr. Amburgey and Ms. Tobias updated the board on various projects.

Installing a recyclable dumpster at Kercher Park
Installing gravel at Kercher Park
The repair to a bike path bench
The proposed project of installing electric to shelter at south parking lot at Kercher Park

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BUSINESS:

The Board and Staff reviewed and briefly discussed several items including.

- Improvements to the July 4 Parade with more participants, no parking signs, fireworks and signs for lineup lines
- The MMI is currently working on up coming projects
- Placing Defibrillation devices in all the city parks. Discussions with Fire Chief, the City Grant Writer and local sports organizations for financial assistance and guidance
- Kercher Park basketball poles are in need of repair and will need to removed for awhile
- The Eagle Scout Project at VMP has been completed and looks great
- Park Grants need to considered for Hillcrest Park and waste/recycling receptacles for VMP
- Additional Pickleball Courts could be considered at the Weber and will need funding
- Water fountains in parks and along Bike Path water lines will need repairs and water lines may be available for the proposed additional water fountains
- Paving project at Kercher is underway and striping will done next
- The farming agreement at Weber will expire this year. Staff and Members will check current rental prices to make sure are in line with other rented land

MEMBERS COMMENTS:

Mr. Bostwick stated that he Port A Potties need repair at Weber.

Mr. Heistand stated that the architect has the specifications for the proposed additional tennis courts.

Mr. Geglein would like to see a community picnic similar to the one the City of Brookville hosts.

Ms. Anspach stated that the disc golf course and the creek have problems that need to be repaired.

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Powers moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelli Novak
Clerk of Council