

Winchester Parks and Recreation
Park Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, May 20th, 2019
6:30pm

6:30 pm- Lord Fairfax Room, War Memorial Building

Present: Bill Stewart (President), Cal Allen, Casey Stine, Andy Gail, Mike Miller, Shelly Lee

Absent: Hector Robertson, Regina Coates

City Staff: Lynn Miller, Matt Little, and Samantha Crisman

Media: None

Guests: Jack Smith

April 22nd, 2019 Minutes Approval – Mike Miller moved to approve the April minutes; Casey Stine seconded, the motion was approved.

Public Comments – Jack Smith, Eagle Scout Project

Jack made a proposal to the Advisory Board to build a Gaga Ball pit for the park. He wants to do something for families and kids and explained how the project conformed to the Master Plan of the Park. He gave a quick synopsis on how the game worked and its inception. It can be built with any surface. He proposed two areas: one near the Lions Shelter and the other near Christianson Familyland. He shared three size proposals with the Board and his anticipated schedule.

Bill asked if it would require the playground surface, Jack answered no.

Cal asked if it would require city involvement, Lynn said it may require a building permit, but the park would supply that.

Shelly loved the idea and said it would be great for the community since it is free and a really popular game, the age group is perfect.

Mike, Casey, and Bill liked the idea of it at Familyland and thought it was a perfect area for the game. Lynn said if Jack put it up at the Lions Shelter the park could provide the balls and people could check them out.

Cal moved the Board support the project, Shelly seconded, and it passed unanimously. The Projects and Programs committee approved the project.

President's Report –

Board Members – Terms

Casey Stine – Has indicated he is interested in being re-appointed

Board Member Candidates – Received one inquiry from the public, forwarded to Amy Simmons for follow-up

Board Members' Comments – None

Projects and Programs Committee – Frederick Douglass Family Day – Report, Board Action to Endorse Support Needed – important community activity, Cal moved to support the donation to Fred Douglass Family Day (equal to previous years donations), Casey seconded the motion, all were in favor.

City Manager Comments – None

Park Director's Report –

Athletic Fields – Light Poles Replacement –

Bridgeforth & Rotary – Proposals Received

BMX Track – Coordination with Shentel

Aquatics –

Swim Lessons –

Instructor Certification – Staff Participating in training to be certified through SLU

Swim Lesson Registration Open June 17th

Indoor Pool – Maintenance/Renovation Program – In Progress

Outdoor Pool –

Early Opening May 8th – Season Opening May 25th - a few patrons have attended

Maintenance –

Maintenance Facility – Lance Construction

Final Pre-construction Meeting – May 14th – Project on Schedule

Onsite pre-construction meeting June 3rd

Steel for Building to be delivered June 4th

Demo/Construction to begin June 10th

Athletic Fields – Eagles holding up well following heavy rains

Mowing in Full Swing – Rain has been some hindrance

Lions Club Sensory Trail – meeting with Jim Smith to place trees

Facilities –

Maintenance Program Continuing

Hosting Employer Expo – May 23rd, parks will have a table

Staffing Status –

Seasonal Life Guard Positions Filled – We will repost position

Child Care – Summer Positions 4 Seasonal Positions Filled

Front Desk Staff – Fully Staffed

Maintenance – Two Seasonal Positions Filled

Cellular Facility – Franchise agreement not signed yet

Memorial Day Observance – Outdoor Pool Open, Building Closed, Monday the 27th

Assistant Director's Report –

Pocket Park – Cecil & Kent – Work starting soon – seating area, green hedges, sod

Naming Ordinance – seeking Advisory Board input, Cal asked what the guidelines were for naming the park, city council may also be involved, naming rights may be a good fundraiser

Fall Guide – Staff starting to plan for fall guide; design starting mid-May; distribution mid-August

Winchester-Clarke Garden Club – Abrams Creek Wetlands

Nominated for National Award (top 3) – notified by end of May of the results

Nominated for Virginia Award (top 2) – awarded top prize (\$7,000)

Court Resurfacing – Potts & Tennis: Projected starting Tuesday, May 21; basketball courts first; 4

Pickleball courts to be added to Lowry Courts, tennis event on May 29th

Park Clean Up Days – June 8th & October 19th

Athletics –

Family day Fishing Rodeo – June 15th – 7:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Washington Nationals Bus Trip – May 25th & August 31st – Tickets \$80.00

3 Adult leagues running now – Kickball, Ultimate Frisbee, Grass Outdoor Volleyball

Child Care

Summer Camp – starts June 3; averaging 100 kids a week with 25-30 on waitlist

Community Recreation

Middle School Music & Art Summer Camp – ages 11-14

Trips – Choptank Crab Feast (July 20); National Harbor (August 10)

Special Events

275th City of Winchester Anniversary

Moonlight Ball – History Camp “Winchester Expedition”

3rd of July Fireworks – Vendor & location secured

Additional Items – None

Board Comments/Idea Sharing:

- Bill will not be here June 24th, will be in Ireland!
- Bill encouraged members to attend events
- Lynn and Matt thanked Mike for participating in the Golf Tournament
- Casey commented the park looks beautiful, plenty of people are here!
- Andy may miss next month’s meeting, but will update closer to the meeting

Next Monthly Park Advisory Board Meeting: Monday, June 24th, 2019 at 6:30pm in the Lord Fairfax Room at Jim Barnett Park.

Adjournment – With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Andy, seconded by Mike, and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:23pm.

Respectfully submitted by Samantha Crisman; Secretary to the Park Advisory Board