

Winchester Parks and Recreation
Park Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, July 25, 2016
6:30pm

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

Present: John Bentley (Chairman), Shelly Lee (Vice-Chairman), Jules Bacha, Casey Stine, Calvin Allen, Jr., Regina Coates and Hector Robertson

Absent: Michael Miller, Bill Stewart

City Staff: Lynn Miller, Jennifer Stotler

Media: Winchester Star

Guests: Gene Schultz and Daniel Rossi

June 27, 2016 Minutes Approval-

A motion was made by Jules Bacha to approve the June 27, 2016 minutes as presented and seconded by Cal Allen, Jr.; the motion was approved.

Public Comments-

WWI Plates-

Mr. Gene Schultz with the Winchester- Frederick County Historical Society spoke about the research he and others from the Historical Society were doing on the WWI plates that were located in the sidewalk along Handley Blvd. Some of the records being researched are from 1924. The Historical Society is trying to plan a Centennial event where the plates would be the major exhibit. They currently have 8 plates in hand and the actual recoveries are damaged. The final disposition of the plates is unknown at this time.

Mural on Preston Concession-

Artist Daniel Rossi presented to the Park Advisory Board his idea to paint a mural on the far end of the exterior of the Preston Concession building. The mural would showcase baseball players. The materials would be provided from Park operating funds and would cost approximately \$300. Several of the Park Advisory Board members asked since Preston Field functions as a multi-sports complex; would Mr. Rossi be able to incorporate multiple sports into one collage. Mr. Rossi has agreed to paint multiple sports on the building and he will draft a sketch. The final sketch will be e-mailed out for everyone's review. Mr. Rossi would need 10 days to complete the project and expects to begin in August. Jules Bacha and Hector Robertson inquired about the life expectancy of the paint and a method to protect the wall once the mural was complete. The life expectancy is approximately 10 years. John Bentley made a motion to allow Mr. Daniel Rossi to paint a mural on the Preston Concession building contingent upon the approval of the artwork, the motion was seconded by Casey Stine and the motion was approved.

Chairman's Report

No comments at this time

City Manager Comments- Eden Freeman

No Comments

Park Director's Report- Lynn Miller

FY16 Capital Projects Update-

- 1) **Frederick Douglass Park Improvements-** This project will be carried forward to be completed in FY17
- 2) **Brick Façade Repair- War Memorial Building-** The pointing of the bricks is about 50% complete and the warranty for the original roof is being researched due to some repairs that are necessary.
- 3) **Outdoor Pool** – The baby pool resurfacing project will be carried forward into FY17 and the staff hope to have an RFP (Request for Proposal) completed soon, so the work could be

done sometime in September, after Labor Day, once the pool closes for the season. The large pool has some skimmer leaks that also need to be addressed.

FY17 Capital Project-

- 1) **Park Maintenance Building-** The staff is starting to review some designs. One drawing has been submitted.

Park Projects Update-

- 1) **Tennis Courts-** Tennis Courts Inc. will be repairing the new cracks (from November 2015 repairs they completed), at no charge.
- 2) **Amphitheater Entrance Wall-** Lynn Miller asked the Park Advisory Board members to take a look at the repaired wall. A match of the original bricks was ordered and it took about 9 months to get the bricks in and complete the work.
- 3) **Indoor Pool Skimmer Repairs-** The skimmer on the deep end of the Indoor Pool has been repaired.
- 4) **Dog Park- Reviewing Improvements-** The staff are reviewing options for potential improvements in certain areas of the Dog Park such as usage, security, automated card swipe system, regulations and added maintenance hours.
- 5) **BMX-** Meet July 29-31- The BMX Organization anticipated approximately 1000 people in the area for the weekend during the BMX National Race.
- 6) **Athletic Fields-** Meeting with Partner Groups- Partner Groups such as Winchester Baseball, Winchester Royals, and SU met with Park Staff and discussed the field conditions with an emphasis on Bodie Grim Field. Park Staff will meet with Handley on Thursday, July 28 for the same discussion.

Gold Star Memorial- Request Endorsement of Location and the Memorial-

Shelly Lee made a motion to propose that the original site be considered for the Gold Star Families Memorial and planning, Casey Stine seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Interim Assistant Director's Report- Jennifer Stotler

Programs- Jennifer Stotler provided a handout with enrollment numbers from various summer camps the Park Staff have been in charge of. Summer Swim Lessons had 74 children enrolled. The HIVE and HIVE CLUB After School Programs are approximately ½ filled with registrations.

Special Events- July 3 was the City Fireworks event, July 16 the Bubble Van was at the Amphitheater, the Liberty 5 K Race was held July 4, the movie "Tangled" will be shown at the McCormac Amphitheater on July 29.

Fall Program Guide-The Park's "Fall Program Guide" will be delivered, in homes, by August 8.

Next Monthly Park Advisory Board Meeting: Monday, August 22, 2016 @ 6:30pm.

Board Comments/Idea Sharing:

Jules Bacha inquired about the relationship the Park has with the Green Circle Trail and if it falls under the Park System. Lynn Miller replied that Parks and Rec is responsible for maintaining the Green Circle Trail; as a section is completed.

Adjournment- With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jules Bacha, seconded by Hector Robertson and approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectively submitted by Jennifer Stotler; Park Administration Coordinator