

Attendance: Mike Clendenen, Leon Davis, Steve Harants, Tonya Faupel, Bruce Bestul, Shelia Berning
Guests: Mike Mowery, Colleen Simons, Rod King

PARK BOARD MEETING

Minutes

Monday, September 8, 2020

6:00 P.M.

Location: **New Haven Community Center**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Leon Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

A. Please Silence Cell Phones, Pagers, and Electronic Devices

B. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Minutes

- Bruce Bestul made a motion to approve the August 3, 2020 minutes. Tonya Faupel seconded. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Claims

- Mike Clendenen explained the 9/8/2020 claims: Paid \$72,055.80 to Brooks Construction for partial paving at Jury sports courts; paid \$4,000.00 Treescape to take care of tree damage at Moser Park and the Rivergreenway; paid \$4,000.00 to Christopher Kline for concrete for the Jury Park picnic shelter. The Jury sports courts are almost finished. Still need to install the inclusive spinner on the playground. Hoping to have the entire project finished by the end of September. Tonya Faupel made a motion to approve the claims as follows:
Monthly Claims: \$111,824.74
Payroll on 8/6 and 8/20 totaling \$59,228.11
Prepays totaling \$5,117.62
Grand total of Claims: \$200,312.00
Bruce Bestul seconded. Motion carried.
- Mike Clendenen presented the Jury Park Bond Claim: Paid \$17,719.20 to Brooks Construction for paving of sports courts and \$1,600.00 to FSG Corp for professional services for a total of \$19,319.20. This will zero out the fund.
Bruce Bestul made a motion to approve payment of the bond claim. Tonya Faupel seconded. Motion carried.
- Mike Clendenen presented a Resolution to Approve Acceptance of a \$75.00 Donation for a Veteran's Memorial Brick by Genevieve Torrez. Tonya Faupel made a motion to accept the donation. Bruce Bestul seconded. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

- Koehlinger-Yoder Park

The land was gifted to the Parks Dept in 1988. In 1989, the park was deeded to the City of New Haven so that Moeller Road could be extended. In 1998, the park was returned to the Parks Dept. In 2010, it was discovered that the 1989 transfer was never recorded. This transfer was recorded in 2010. Consequently, the park currently belongs to the City and needs to be returned to the Parks Dept. Steve Harrants will take care of the paperwork to accomplish this.

The homeowners west of the dead end of Ayr Drive by the park have been mowing all the way to Moeller Road behind their house including park property. The owners want to put up a fence on this property. They are willing to continue to maintain the property inside and outside of the fence. Steve Harrants suggested drawing up a license agreement or lease of the park's property in exchange for the maintenance, mainly mowing, tree damage, etc., on the park's property would be taken care of by the Parks Dept. It was also mentioned that we should explore the possibility of selling the property to the homeowner. Steve Harrants and Mike Clendenen will come up with options to present to the Board at the October meeting.

- Jury Pool Waterslide Renovation

The pool slides need renovation. Mike Clendenen presented quotes for the work:

Safe Slide: No quote received as of today.

Slide Renew: \$36,000-\$42,000 This quote is good until June 2021. It includes cleaning, resurfacing, re-caulking, and painting the slides. The higher end includes renovation of the tipping bucket. If this quote is approved, the work can be scheduled for April 2021.

After the renovation is completed, a maintenance schedule would need to be followed. Mike Clendenen stated that it would cost \$80,000-\$100,000 to replace the slides. He asked that this issue be tabled until October to wait on the quote from Safe Slide.

- Fitness Center Discussion

The Fitness Center is expanding its hours and will be open Sundays beginning September 13, 2020, and Fridays until 6:00pm in addition to their current hours with no closings for cleaning. Pickleball participation is good. Seniors' drop-in classes are picking up. We are working on building up the other fitness classes such as yoga, Zumba, Pilates, etc. Mike Clendenen presented the idea of creating a full time Fitness Manager position because the Fitness Center has grown and requires more time than he or Angela Daniel can give it. He is also exploring different ways of compensating the instructors and to increase class participation. He is working on the 2021 budget and will have ideas for the October meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- We have a great maintenance staff. They have worked hard on the pool: painting and refurbishing. This looks good and has saved the Parks Dept a lot of money!
- Angela Daniel reported that Youth Activities are starting up for the fall. We are having a lower attendance than in past years probably due to COVID-19. The Daddy/Daughter Dance on August 29, 2020 had an attendance of 85.
- Seniors-Hesitating to begin organized events, but some small groups have been playing cards and dominos on their own at the Community Center each week. A carry out craft is being planned as is Parking Lot Bingo. We will soon begin sending a newsletter to seniors letting them know what is happening at the Center. We have the annual Christmas party dates set as December 8 and 9 with attendance limited to 60 each day to allow for social distancing.
- A Fall Market will be held September 23 and 30 at Schnelker Park from 5-8pm. We have 20 vendors signed up. There will be a Dessert Contest on the 23rd and a Chili & Soup Cook Off on the 30th in conjunction with the Market.
- Mike Clendenen is having back surgery in October, hopefully soon after the Park Board meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- No report

BOARD COMMENTS:

- Bruce Bestul complimented the Parks Dept for its handling of COVID-19 and all its requirements as related to the operations of New Haven's parks.

GUEST COMMENTS:

- Colleen Simons announced that everyone is welcome at the Tree Commission meeting this Saturday, September 12, 2020. They are looking for grants for trees and exploring uses for this money regarding New Haven's trees. Working on renewing New Haven's Tree City USA status by the end of 2020. Mike Clendenen that The Great Tree Canopy Comeback will hold a tree planting at Marylands Farm on October 24, 2020.
- Rod King stated that he is attending the meeting to cover it for the New Haven News.
- Mike Mowery thanked Mike Clendenen for allowing him to visit the Parks Dept on Friday, September 4th and meeting with him. He also thanked the Parks Dept employees for their hard work.

ADJOURNMENT

- Tonya Faupel made a motion to adjourn. Bruce Bestul seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

Attested by _____ Signed by: _____