

MARION PARKS AND RECREATION  
BOARD MEETING  
May 20, 2019

Members Present: Alan Beck, Kellie Street, William Moore and Kyle Beal

Others Present: Rose Cadena, Julie Fauser, Julia Glessner, Andy Davis, Taylor McCoy, Tony Sewell, Janet Pearson, Herb Spitzer, Dwight Ott, Bill Reece and Jessey Pearson-Cheney

Meeting called to order at 12:00 pm by Kyle Beal.

**Motion to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2019 meeting made by Alan Beck; second by Kellie Street. Motion carried.**

**New Board member**

Kyle Beal introduced our new board member William David Moore. The Mayor, Jess Alumbaugh appointed William David Moore as of April 1, 2019.

**Yoga in the Park**

Bill Reece from Sender Wellness proposed Yoga in the park to the board. Documents supplied are attached. This would be a weekly yoga class with well trained instructors. Their program would help bring people into the park and would be open to all community members. This would be an "all levels" class that can be enjoyed by beginners. Their downtown facility would serve as a backup location in the event of bad weather. All participants would sign a liability waiver and pay \$10.00 per class. Sender Wellness would provide an Insurance certificate and minimal advertising. Sender Wellness will coordinate with the Marion Parks Dept with location and times.

**Motion to approve Sender Wellness to have Yoga classes in Matter Park was made by Kellie Street; second by Alan Beck. Motion carried.**

**Shelter #5 Repairs and Roof**

James stated one of the main beams in Shelter #5 was rotted and was inspected by a Structural engineer and had to be repaired due to their specifications. The beam has been repaired and after inspection has passed for us to have occupancy again. Rose stated during this process the structural engineer also noted that the roof will need to be replaced very soon. Rose has contacted 3 local businesses for estimates. The only estimate Rose has at this time is from Kingdom construction for \$30,000.00 and that is with a 15% discount. Alan would like to meet with James to look at the building because he has questions regarding is the building worth putting this kind of money into.

### **Grace House Fundraiser**

Tony Sewell stated the Grace House is a residential program established to help men in their recovery process from substance abuse/addiction. The Grace house would like to have a fundraiser different from the 5k they normally do every year. The Grace house would like to have Obstacle Course event which could possible involve a mud pit. They would like to hold this event in the Ballard Field area. Tony stated they might need to change the terrain for this event. Alan stated that he does not like the idea of messing with the terrain and suggested they might look at a different place for the event. Tony will get more details and approach the board at a later time with more specifics. The Grace House would provide insurance and everyone would sign a hold harmless agreement.

### **Wiggly Field**

Dwight Ott stated the Rotary Club has been working with Janet Pearson and Herb Spitzer on bringing a dog park to Marion. Dwight stated in April the Rotary Club will have been in the community for 100 years. Dwight stated there is a 3 acre plot of land in the Ballard Field area that would be perfect for the dog park. Dwight provided the board with a packet that has all the current logistics for the dog park the packet is attached to the minutes. Dwight stated the dog park will have 3 major areas which will consist of a large dog area, small dog area and an agility course area. The park will be handicap accessible and will be as maintenance free as possible. There would be a yearly fee to use this park along with a key entry system. The yearly fees would be used for maintenance and supplies for the dog park. Alan voiced concerns with more work for the Parks Dept. Dwight stated the Rotary club along with Community Foundation, Thriving Families and "In-Kind" donations have raised approx. \$200,000.00 for this project. An application with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources will be filed for a grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund to help with the construction of the dog park. Dwight stated that the dog park would be at no cost to the city to build, that he has spoken to Mayor Jess Alumbaugh and he is on board with this project. The long term goal is to eventually get lighting and connect the River walk to the dog park. The Rotary club would like to name the entire park area as Rotary Park but then the dog park would be named "Wiggly Field." Dwight would like the support from the Park Board to file the application for the grant.

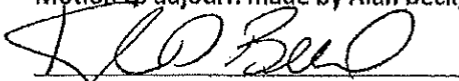
**Motion for approval to file an application with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources for a grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) for the construction of a dog park in the "Ballard Field – Johnstown area" located between 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, and Sweetser and Flynn Streets, in Marion, Indiana. Made by Alan Beck; second by William Moore. Motion carried**

### **Grant for Pickle Ball update**

Julie stated the Parks Dept did receive the matching grant for the pickle ball courts in Matter Park. Julie is trying to raise an additional \$20,000.00 for lights. IWU donated the light poles that Jim Swan is refurbishing as a donation to the project. The fundraiser is on the Community Foundation website and also on our park face book pages. Julie asks the board to get the word out to help with the donations. Julie Fauser will update the board at the next meeting.

Other

Motion to adjourn made by Alan Beck; second by William Moore. Motion carried.

  
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Park Board President