

MARION PARKS AND RECREATION  
BOARD MEETING  
July 8, 2019

Members Present: Alan Beck, William Moore and Kyle Beal

Others Present: Rose Cadena, Julie Fauser, Taylere McCoy, Julia Glessner, Jim Brunner, Dwight Ott, Janet Pearson and Herb Spitzer

Meeting called to order at 12:15 pm by Kyle Beal.

**Motion to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2019 meeting made by Alan Beck; second by William Moore. Motion carried.**

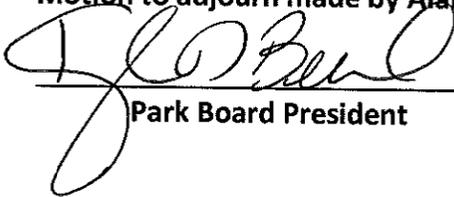
**Wiggly Field Presentation**

Dwight started by thanking the Park Board and voicing his gratitude for everyone that participated in getting the grant paperwork together so he could submit it in a very short period of time. He stated the DNR did a site visit the Janet Pearson and Rose Cadena attended. Janet stated it was a very positive and informational meeting and in her opinion went well. The DNR has requested some revisions to the grant and Dwight and Herb are working on all the revisions that need submitted by July 21, 2019. The DNR also stated there would need to be a handicap accessible road to access the restrooms at Ballard Field. Dwight stated they are waiting on some information from IDEM also. Dwight also stated that permits will need to be gotten from IDEM and DNR at some point after approval process. Since the Dog Park will be in a flood plain we are required to have break away fencing and the area can only be used for recreational use only. Dwight stated they will not be removing any soil from the site it will just be moved around to fill in low spots and any holes left after removal of some tree stumps. Dwight also stated there are only 3 possible trees that may be removed from the site after talking to Phil Pearson the City of Marion's Tree Arborist. Dwight also stated he is not announcing any details of the dog park to the social media until after approval and permits. Dwight provided a presentation on a projector with the same information that is in the grant book. He stated all stumps, concrete and foundations would be removed from the entire property not only the dog park area. He also stated that all the temporary electric poles would be buried underground and 3 would be move over to the Hog Daze area. Permanent electrical outlets like you would see for RV's will be installed. Alan did voice concern about the glass that is in the soil and Janet will talk with Belinda Hussong to get more clarification on that issue. William asked how the Dog Park will sustain its self after it is built. Dwight stated that since the grant and the funds already raised will build the park his thought process is to gain sponsorships and also the usage fees collected. Alan is very concerned with the additional amount of maintenance and mowing it will cause for the Parks Dept. Dwight assures the board they have taken those aspects of things into great consideration during the entire process. Dwight stated the fence for the dog park will be 5ft high and all the pathways will be handicap accessible and made of crushed compacted stone/granite. The park will also be equipped with a doggie washing station, asphalt parking, shelters and benches. Janet will check with City attorney about liability in the

case of a dog bites someone or bites another dog while in the dog park and on city property. All dog park users will need to provide vaccinations and other documents that have been suggested by 2 Veterinarians that set on the dog park board. The usage fee will be \$35.00 per year. Alan would like a fund to be created for people who may not be able to afford the yearly fee so that they could apply for a scholarship or something like that to have their usage fee paid for. Alan and William would also like to see a fund set up for money to be placed in for maintenance for future years.

**Other**

**Motion to adjourn made by Alan Beck; second by Kyle Beal. Motion carried.**

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Park Board President