

MARION PARKS AND RECREATION
BOARD MEETING
August 5, 2019

Members Present: Alan Beck, William Moore and Kyle Beal

Others Present: Rose Cadena, Julie Fauser, Jim Brunner, Andy Davis and James Loftis

Meeting called to order at 12:06 pm by Kyle Beal.

Motion to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2019 meeting made by Alan Beck; second by William Moore. Motion carried.

Pickle Ball Court Update

Julie stated all the lights and poles have been installed and are in working order. She would like the other four posts that previously existed to be stained so they match a little better with the new existing poles. She stated her goal is to have this project complete by the end of September. There will be 6 new Pickle Ball courts once the project is complete. She also stated there are Pickle Ball Leagues in Fort Wayne and she would like to start in our community. Some of the tennis nets need repaired and Alan suggested the Quilters Hall of Fame may be able to help repair them. Julie will contact them to see if they can help.

WOL Update

Rose stated The Walkway of Lights will have the WOL parade on Dec. 7th along with a Christmas City USA Walkway of Lights festival. The event will be from noon until 10pm. The parade will start at the YMCA parking lot go down Washington St to 6th Street and back up Adams Street and back to the YMCA Parking lot. The event will include crafters/vendors, parade, tree lighting ceremony, fireworks, bands etc. All of the attractions for the festival have not been planned yet and Rose will update the board when more plans are made.

Liability Dog Park Update

Rose spoke to Tom Hunt the City's attorney in regards to any liability issues and he said he does not believe there are any unless we ignore any complaints on a vicious dog and do nothing about it. He also said that we could have them sign the hold harmless agreement a waiver form. Lisa Herber from DNR has requested more information that Herb Spitzer and Dwight Ott will provide them. Alan, Kyle and William would like to set up another meeting with Dwight, Janet and Herb in regards to the dog park. Kyle will email them and try to set one up.


Fireworks Follow up

Julie stated the July 3rd event went well. She also stated there were some parking issues that she will try to solve next year. Trash was a huge issue this year and we will try to get volunteers to help with clean up after the event. Julie also stated that she is concerned with the firework placement for next year due to the new Pickle Ball courts and is try to work out a new solution

so they do not get damaged. She is looking into tarps to cover the courts and the Fire Dept. would still wet down the courts.

Other

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



Park Board President