

MARION PARKS AND RECREATION
BOARD MEETING
October 7, 2019

Members Present: Alan Beck, William Moore, Kellie Street and Kyle Beal
Others Present: Rose Cadena and Julie Fauser

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

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2019 meeting made by Kellie Street; second by Kyle Beal. Motion carried.

Update Dog Park

Rose stated we did not get chosen for the LWCF Grant for the Dog Park. We received a letter and it is attached. The letter did encourage us to resubmit next year. The Park Board members would like to meet with Dwight Ott, Janet Pearson and Herb Spitzer in January for an update on what the plans are moving forward.

Pickle Ball Update

Julie Fauser stated the Pickle Ball courts are complete and they had an unofficial opening. She also stated that project was full paid for on completion. She hopes to get a couple shade structures built next year and would like to get the cracks on the tennis courts filled also. Julie also stated the nets on the tennis courts will need replaced next year. The nets on the tennis courts and pickle ball courts will be removed and stored every winter.

Splash House Update

Andy will give an update at the next board meeting since he was on vacation and unable to attend.

Budget Increases

Rose stated there are several changes for the 2020 budget if approved. The payroll for a Director of Parks, Maintenance supervisor will be removed from the budget. I have requested some of those funds to be moved into other line items. I have requested \$7,000.00 more in Materials to help with some shelter repairs, concrete, lumber etc. I also have requested \$26,000.00 to paint the Splash House wave pool in building and grounds. In Lease purchases I requested 2 new mowers, 2 vacuum leaf machines and 1 new gator. I requested \$31,000.00 in contractual services to install a well at Ballard Field, major repairs to Shelter #2 and then to power wash, scrap and paint shelter #5.

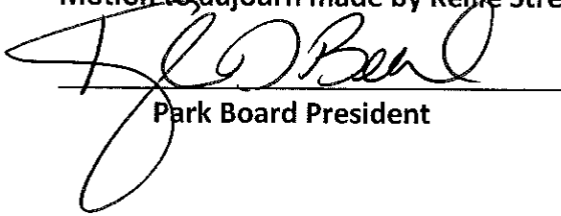
Walkway of Lights Downtown event

Rose stated the WOL board is working very hard on making the Dec. 7th event downtown a success. There will be food vendors, entertainment, Christmas Parade, Craft/Home goods vendors, tree lighting ceremony etc.

Other

William Moore is concerned with the stability of the bridge near the pond on the playground end. Rose will contact James Loftis to have him take a look and determine what needs repaired. The pond algae is also another concern and Alan explained that it is not due to any lack of trying on the Parks Dept. It is just a bad year for algae and lack of rain.

Motion to adjourn made by Kellie Street; second by Alan Beck. Motion carried.



Park Board President