

MARION PARKS AND RECREATION  
BOARD MEETING  
January 8, 2018

Members Present: Alan Beck, Kellie Street and Don Hall

Others Present: Rose Cadena, Andy Davis, Doug Darga, Julie Fauser, Julia Glessner, Jess Alumbaugh and James Loftis.

Meeting called to order at 12:00 pm by Alan Beck.

**Motion to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2017 meeting made by Kellie Street; second by Don Hall. Motion carried.**

**Election of Officers**

Alan asked Kellie if she wanted to be President and she responded she votes for the positions to remain as they are which is President – Alan Beck, Vice President – Kellie Street and Secretary – Don Hall.

**Motion to approve Officers made by Kellie Street; second by Don Hall. Motion carried.**

**Park Director**

The Mayor Jess Alumbaugh stated that Belinda Hussong the Park Director is no longer with the City of Marion and her last day was January 2, 2018. He explains that Belinda did nothing wrong it is really about being more efficient for budget reasons. James Loftis the director of the Street Dept will be overseeing the work crew on a daily basis and Rose Cadena will be overseeing the office aspects of the Parks Dept. Belinda's position will not be filled for now. Everyone will report to Mike the Chief of staff. The mayor states that he has hired two new employees for City Wide Maintenance and he also reports that Kevin Farmer has quit and is not longer with us.

**Board Member contact info update**

Everyone reports that there are no new updates for this year.

**Shelter Rental Increase Shelter #2, #3 and #4**

Rose suggested that we consider a Shelter increase for shelter #2, #3 and #4 with a few minor upgrades. Due to the increase in trash removal, Electrical Expense, maintenance on the shelters, work crew hours and the addition of a few minor appliances. James will look into the attached buildings on the above mentioned shelters and report back to Rose when and if the upgrades are possible. Shelter # 3 A/C unit's need replaced before summer and we are looking into putting in a range also. Shelter #2 and #4 we are looking into refrigerators in the attached enclosed rooms. Shelter #3 rental increase will be another 50.00 which will make the rental \$200.00 and Shelter #2 increases to a \$60.00 rental and Shelter #4 will increase to a \$50.00 dollar rental as soon as the upgrades are made.

**Motion to approve the increase of the Shelter rentals as listed above made by Dona Hall; second by Kellie Street. Motion carried.**

#### **Garden House rental Increase**

The Garden House rental sheet with the increases is attached.

**Motion to approve the Garden House increases as listed on the attached price list is made by Kellie Street; second by Don Hall. Motion carried.**

#### **Splash House Update**

Andy provided the board with the figures for the 2017 season. Alan is concerned with the overall loss for this year but Andy is pretty sure it was due to weather and equipment issues. Andy also told the board they are looking in to a new filtration system because the one that is at the Splash House now needs replaced. The new system cost around \$270,000.00.

#### **Walkway of Lights Season Update**

Rose stated that the overall tollbooth income was down from last year. The tollbooth made approx. \$29,000.00 and in Sponsorships they made approx. \$30,000.00. It was mentioned that the Heaters need fixed for next year. The season went smooth and Randy Hiatt and Aisha Richards did a good job.

#### **2018 List of Events**

Julie Fauser supplies the board with a list and dates for the events for the 2018 season. List attached.

#### **February Event**

Julie supplied the board with a flyer for the Hearts and Arts event which is held on February 11<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm and it is also free to the public. Flyer attached.

#### **Other Business**

The tree at 811 N Washington Street in Marion has been removed and the tenant is pleased with the removal. Rose reported to the board that the grant the Parks Department applied for from the Realtors Assoc. was approved and we received the check and it has been deposited for future improvements to the walkway in the spring. The grant was for \$1000.00. The new signs for the River walk project art still in art proof process and Layla is working on the approval of those signs. The new signs will cost approx \$720.00 and the new stripping will also cost approx. \$1,000.00.

**Motion to adjourn made by Don Hall; second by Alan Beck. Motion carried.**