

MARION PARKS AND RECREATION
BOARD MEETING
March 1, 2021

Members Present: Alan Beck, William Moore and Kyle Beal

Others Present: Rose Cadena, Andy Davis, James Loftis, Julie Fauser and Taylere McCoy

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

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2020 meeting made by Alan Beck; second by Kyle Beal. Motion carried.

Election of Officers

Rose stated that currently Kyle Beal is President, Kellie Street is Vice President and Alan Beck is Secretary of the Park Board. Alan suggested everyone stay in the same positions for 2021.

Motion to approve Election of Officers to remain the same for 2021 was made by Alan Beck and second by William Moore. Motion carried.

WOL Update

Rose stated the WOL donation at the toll booth for 2020 were 27,717.66 which is considerable less than in the past. MGH will donate \$9,000.00 to the WOL to help with the loss of funds. The Mayor will use some City Funds to help WOL with the loss revenue due to the pandemic.

Lawn Care Bids

Rose stated she received 2 bids for the Parks Dept. Lawn Care. The first one is from Hobbs Lawn Care & Fertilization and the second estimate is from Randal Spray Crew. Alan told the board members that since he is so heavily involved at Ballard Field he suggests we stay with Randal Spray Crew because the fields have never looked better and he feels they do an excellent job!

Motion to use Randall Spray Crew as the Parks Dept. Lawn Service Company made by Alan Beck; second by William Moore. Motion carried.

Other Business

Rose stated all the new picnic tables that were purchased with the Cares Act Monies have been placed in all the shelters in Matter Park. The new ATV w/Sprayer and the 2 back pack sprayers will also be utilized to spray down playground equipment and shelters for rentals. Rose also stated the Parks Dept. will have the following events: Plant-a-palooza, Earth day, 4th of July Fireworks, Softball Program, WOL Downtown Event, and WOL Corporate Challenge will proceed this year also. All Programs and event will depend on Pandemic and CDC Guidelines during those time periods. Rose stated we will be installing 5 new playground structures in our Park system. James stated one structure will be placed at Shelter #1 area, 1 structure near

Shelter #6 & #7 area, 1 structure in Weslea Park, 1 structure in Charles Mill Park and 1 structure at 28th Street Park. James stated that the Martin Luther King Statue was destroyed at 5 point due to a vehicle accident. Rose has filled an insurance claim and is awaiting estimate on damage. Julie stated FOG has contacted Staggs Flooring to get a quote to power spray and put new tile on the Frog Fountain. Julie is also looking into repairs for the center fountain in the Garden Area. Rose stated the Mayor has given permission for us to proceed with opening Splash House as long as pandemic allows. Rose stated James had the Partime Office position posted for hiring. James is also looking into hiring for the Gardens area now that Julia Glessner is no longer with the Park Dept. James also stated he has requested the inmate work crew for one day a week to help at the Gardens Area in Matter Park. Alan suggested asking the Marion JROTC Program if they would be interested in volunteering in the gardens area. Tayler stated that IMG donated 25 trees to the Parks Dept.

Motion to adjourn made by William Moore; second by Kyle Beal. Motion carried.



Park Board President