

MARION PARKS AND RECREATION  
BOARD MEETING  
May 3, 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 March 1, 2021 meeting made by Alan Beck; second by William Moore. Motion carried.**

**Stream Restoration**

Taylere McCoy a Park Employee submitted a couple proposals regarding Stream Restoration. Proposals are attached. Earth Source and Ecosystems Connection were the two proposals and she is waiting on one more proposal. Taylere will work to find a grant for the funding of this project. She stated that Jim Gartland would possibly help with the funding also. After listening to the proposals the board has chosen to move forward with Ecosystems Connections Institute. Taylere will come back to the board with update periodically.

**Motion to approve moving forward with the grant process for the stream restoration project and Ecosystems Connections was made by Alan Beck; second by Kyle Beal. Motion carried.**

**July 3<sup>rd</sup> Firework Event**

Julie stated the permits are done for the firework company. We have approx. 7 food vendors, inflatables for the kids and Cook and Belle will perform.

**Splash House Update**

Andy stated everything is going smooth to open on time which will be Memorial weekend. Splash House will have new hours Tuesday through Sunday and will be closed on Mondays. There are not enough Lifeguards to be open 7 days a week. Andy plans to fill pools next week. The Splash House will open to full capacity unless the pandemic get worse.

**Port-a-Pot**

William Moore state the Community Gardens needs a port-a-pot for the spring and summer months. William and Rose have talked and would like the Park Board to approve an additional port-a-pot. William stated that the Parks Dept. would not be paying for the port-a-pot they just want to get it for the same rate as all the other port-a-pots the Parks Dept. has placed. The board has agreed to get the port-a-pot and Rose will get it ordered and placed.

### **Playground update**

James stated that the new playground structures at shelter #1, #6, #7 and 28<sup>th</sup> Street Park are completed. Weslea Park will be the next play structure that goes up. Franklin Park and West Point Park will be completed soon. James also stated that Friendship corner has had some vandalism that has been turned into the insurance company. Danny the City's IT Dept. will be installing new cameras at the playground and Gardens area.

### **Ballard Field**

James stated there were a few issues this year with the striping of the field but they are worked out now. He also stated there needs to be some maintenance on the Sprinkler heads. Rose will call Maintenance Company to come take a look.

### **Park Employee Position**

James stated that Taylor Gillespie has been hired for the part time position in the Parks Dept. and will start Wednesday. He is still accepting applications for the full time position for the Gardens area. Rose asked the Board if it would be possible to hire temporaries this year if we do not get any applications and the board agreed so we can get some help out at the gardens asap.

### **WOL Meet & Mingle**

Rose stated the WOL Downtown Event Committee has schedules and event for May 27<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm at the Kingdom. Flyer is attached. Rose invited all board members to attend to help spread awareness about the WOL events this year. This is an opportunity to network and connect with possible sponsors, volunteers and current sponsors.

### **Other Business**

James stated that Shelter 5 restrooms should be repaired soon. Rose stated the Parks Dept. summer softball league starts on May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm and we had 4 teams register this year. James also would like to create a lock box for the garden house keys to be dropped after each rental to save staff from coming in late at night to lock the facility. James has also asked Julie and Taylere to keep track of all there volunteers and the amount of time they volunteer so that we can recognize them for their service to the Parks Dept. Rose will post on Social media that the Parks Dept. is looking for volunteers.

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



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**Park Board President**