

MARION PARKS AND RECREATION
BOARD MEETING
July 6, 2021

Members Present: Alan Beck, William Moore and Kyle Beal

Others Present: Rose Cadena, Andy Davis, James Loftis, Julie Fauser, Taylor Gillespie, Jim Brunner and Taylere McCoy

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

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2021 meeting made by Alan Beck; second by William Moore. Motion carried.

July 3rd Event update

Julie Fauser stated the event was well attended. She stated the vendors were happy with the turn out and would like to attend the event again next year. Alan Beck stated Cook & Belle put on a good show and would like to see them back again next year. The board members were impressed with the firework display. Julie stated the Police Dept., Fire Dept. and all the volunteers were a great help to make sure the event was a success.

Splash House Update

Andy stated he is half way through his season. He stated they are averaging 500 people on an average day. He stated he has the best staff he has experienced since he became the direct of the Splash House. He said the Private parties are going well and the event room has been booked more this year than in the past. The major will be paying for the water slides to get power washed out of his budget this year. The Splash House is closed on Mondays due to shortage on staff. Andy also stated he had a night swim that did not go so well. He had to call the police due to weapons in the park and outside the park. He has spoken to the Mayor and they will have police presence at the next night swim.

Playground Celebration picnic

Taylor Gillespie stated the Parks Dept. is having a picnic for the public to come help celebrate the new playground equipment that we have put in Matter Park. The picnic will be held at the Meadow Pavilion from 12-2 pm on July 24th. Taylor has gotten sponsorship from Dollar General, Horner's, Walmart and Needlers etc. She plans to have food, yard games and music.

WOL Golf Scramble

Rose stated the WOL is having a golf scramble fundraiser on Oct. 1, 2021 start time 9 am at the Elk's Country Club. A lunch and one drink will be provided. Individual cost will be \$40.00 per person and team rates will be \$160.00 per team.

WOL Mix and Mingle

Rose stated the next WOL Mix and Mingle will be July 29th at Folkies from 5-7 pm. Rose invited the board members to attend. The WOL hope to spread awareness about the WOL events and sponsorship opportunities.

Disc Golf Course Clean-up

Taylor stated the Parks Dept. is having a disc golf course cleanup day. We are currently looking for volunteers to help with the clean up on July 11th from 3-5 pm. Taylor will be working with Aaron Hanson, Chuck Sinclair and Charles Duncan for the cleanup. The Parks Dept. will help supply tools for the cleanup.

Fall Festival

Taylor stated the parks Dept. will have a Fall Festival this year at Shelter #5. The festival will be on Oct. 23rd at Matter Park from 5-8 pm. The festival will include a Fall Mall, food vendors, carnival games, music, costume contest, bonfire, etc. Taylor is looking for volunteers for this event. Taylor will create a face book event page.

Corn Hole Tournament

Taylor stated the Parks Dept. will have a corn hole tournament. The event will be in the Meadow area at Matter Park on Sept 18, 2021 from 5-8pm. Taylor has received a sponsorship from Dick's of 2 - \$50.00 gift cards that she will purchase corn hole boards with as prizes for the top 2 teams. She will create a face book event page to promote the event. The Parks Dept. may possible sell hamburgers, hotdog and drinks. It was suggested to check with the YMCA about utilizing their corn hole board also for the tournament.

Garden House update

Taylor stated that James would like to get away from the Park Staff having to open and close the Garden House. He suggested they change the locks and create a lockbox for the renters to drop their keys in at the end of every rental. The board has given James permission to look into doing whatever it takes to make this happen. Taylor and James will work together and make plans to get this done. James is also talking with Seacott Lock and Safe to help with the transition. Julie stated the Garden House needs a new sound system. Julie is working with Dave Singer in regard to the sound system. Julie will report back to the board once she gets the information from Dave.

Corporate Challenge update

Rose stated that due to the pandemic the YMCA has decided to postpone the Corporate Challenge event again. We will try to organize this event again next year.

Pickle Ball Camp

Julie stated that head pro DJ Howard will be offering 3 hour Pickle Ball clinics at Matter Park on July 31st – August 1st. He will also be offering a 2-Day camp. The Parks Dept. has helped promote the event on all their social media sites.

Other Business

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kyle O. Beal". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Park Board President