

MARION PARKS AND RECREATION  
BOARD MEETING  
August 2, 2021

Members Present: William Moore, Kellie Street and Kyle Beal

Others Present: Rose Cadena, James Loftis, Julie Fauser, Ray Myers and Taylere McCoy

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

**Motion to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2021 meeting made by Kellie Street; second by William Moore. Motion carried.**

**Upcoming Events**

Rose stated the Playground celebration picnic at Townsend Park is on August 14<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 4pm. There will be free hamburgers and hotdogs while supplies last for the public. The corn hole tournament will take place on September 18<sup>th</sup> at Matter Park and it starts at 1pm. The WOL golf scramble will be held at the Elk's on October 1<sup>st</sup> starting at 8am. Fall Festival will be on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at Matter Park from 5-8pm. The WOL downtown event will be on November 20<sup>th</sup> from noon -8pm.

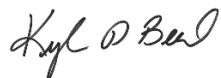
**Update on Matter Park pond/creek**

Taylere stated Jim Gartland has offered to pay the cost for the feasibility study, to be completed by Jerry Sweeten. This will be somewhere in the range of \$2,000-\$3,000. The feasibility study will tell us how we need to proceed with the restoration project. This will likely involve dredging the pond, stabilizing erosion on the banks of the creek, and adding native vegetation. The goal is to improve wildlife habitat, recreational fishing, and aesthetics of the area. We are looking at two main grants for funding the larger part of the project. These are the LARE Grant and a grant from the Community Foundation. We can apply for these later this year/early next year. We're also looking into foundations and any other donations and DNR resources we can find. Jim and Jerry both have contacts that they will approach about helping with funding and consultation on the project.

**Other Business**

Julie stated the pickle ball clinic at Matter Park went well. Julies stated there4 will be a fundraiser to raise money for a couple more lights in the pickle ball area. James stated they are still working on getting rid of the mold issue underneath the Garden House. He stated we have already spent approx. \$21,000.00 to correct this issue. Rose also stated the solid surface at Friendship corner is going to need to be repaired/replaced and it is going to cost approx. \$111,000.00 plus.

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



**Park Board President**