MARION PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING October 4, 2021

Members Present: William Moore, Alan Beck and Kyle Beal

Others Present: Rose Cadena, James Loftis, Taylere McCoy, Taylor Gillespie, Josh Feuerstein

and Andy Davis

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

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2021 meeting made by Alan Beck; second by William Moore. Motion carried.

Upcoming Events

Taylor Gillespie stated the Fall festival will be on October 23rd at Matter Park in the Shelter #4 & 5 area. The event will be filled with food vendors, costume contest, inflatables, craft vendors etc. Rose stated the WOL downtown event will be on November 20th from noon – 8pm. The event will include live reindeer, Santa, trackless train, food/craft vendors etc.

National Fitness Campaign

Josh Feuerstein stated he has been working with the National Fitness Campaign to make Marion/Grant County a contender of a Fitness Court in 2022. He also stated Grant County is currently prequalified for a \$30,000.00 grant to help with building the outdoor facility. The project will cost approx. \$140,000.00 which will need to be raised. Josh will contact Kyle to set up a zoom meeting for all the board members to talk to the organization to find out how the process works and to hopefully get support from the Park Board. Alan suggested that in the fundraising process they try to raise enough money to have a fund for maintenance of the facility.

Splash House update

Andy provided the board with the Splash House figures from this year and compared to last year. (attached) Andy also stated the park needs a few major repairs before they open next year. The Splash House also has a fee leaks they are working on locating. Andy also stated he would like to increase the hourly rate for his employees to approx. \$10-\$12 per hour.

Other Business

Motion to adjourn made by William Moore; second by Alan Beck. Motion carried.

Park Board President