

MARION PARKS AND RECREATION
BOARD MEETING
April 2, 2018

Members Present: Alan Beck, Kellie Street and Don Hall

Others Present: Rose Cadena, Andy Davis, Doug Darga, Layla Price, Jenna Winger and James Loftis.

Meeting called to order at 12:00 pm by Alan Beck.

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2018 meeting made by Kellie Street; second by Don Hall. Motion carried.

Shelter Updates

Rose stated that all the picnic tables for the shelters have been fixed and painted. Shelter #2 roof has been replaced with a new metal roof. A new stove has been installed in Shelter #3 and we are looking into painting the interior of the shelter. We have also replaced the tables and chairs in shelter 3. James Loftis is getting a quote for Shelter #5 to fix the structure of the building.

Friendship Corner

Rose stated that the Parks Dept has installed a new wheelchair swing and it will be dedicated to Randy Hiatts brother who is an employee of the Parks Dept. The play house in that area has been removed do to safety issues and a sand box will be put in its place. The Parks Dept has also ordered a replacement slide for the play structure at Friendship Corner.

Pond deck and bridge

Rose stated the Parks Dept Maintenance crew has made the deck handicap accessible and will be making repairs to the pond bridge very soon.

River walk update

Layla presented paperwork for an update on the river walk project. Paperwork attached. The new signs for the river walk have been approved and ordered. They will go up as weather permits.

Charles Mill Park Update

Rose stated that new basketball backboards and goals have been installed. Pictures were presented at the meeting. The maintenance crew will resurface the basketball courts and put new lines down. The timbers around the playground have also been replaced. Basketball backboard and rim have also been replaced at 28th street park.

Franklin Park Update

Rose stated the Parks Dept has removed a slide and a roundabout toy. James Loftis will determine if the equipment can be repaired and if so will repair and install.

Townsend Park Update

Rose stated the Kiwanis Club has gotten a grant to put in two new pieces of playground equipment. The Parks Dept will install new equipment when it comes in. Attached is the paperwork on the new equipment. Rose has been working with Jan Scott for this project since Belinda is gone.

Gardens Update

Doug stated he has a meeting with Mike Flynn and the Mayor to hopefully finalize the structure for the stage at the Gardens. Doug also stated he will be installing a misting station in the gardens. He also stated they have ordered flowers for this year and should be delivered in May. Doug also stated he will be doing some updates on a couple flower beds in the meadow area.

Events

Event list attached for 2018 season. Doug also stated the Daddy Daughter dance is on April 13th from 6:30 – 8:30 at the Garden house. The next GES program will be on April 18th at 6pm in the Garden House. Earth day will be held on April 20th from 4-7pm in the Gardens area. All the flyers for the events are attached.

Splash House Update

Andy stated the Splash house is still hiring and he is in the middle of interviews. He has hired all of the management staff for the year. He is also looking into repairs for the Splash House Chlorinator and pumps.

Motion to adjourn made by Kellie Street; second by Don Hall. Motion carried.