

MARION PARKS AND RECREATION
BOARD MEETING
September 10, 2018

Members Present: Alan Beck, Kellie Street, Kyle Beal and Don Hall

Others Present: Rose Cadena, Mike Flynn, Julie Fauser, Andy Davis, Julia Glessner, Leslie Fite, Sally Bancroft and John Valasquez.

Meeting called to order at 12:05 pm by Alan Beck.

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2018 meeting made by Don Hall; second by Kellie Street. Motion carried.

Rose notified the board that Jim Brunner is coming back to this board as a Liaison member again and Dave Homer is going to be placed on another board.

New Board Member

Rose stated that Mayor Jess Alumbaugh has appointed Kyle Beal from the Grant County Sheriff's office as our fourth board member.

2019 Fireworks

Alan stated that he has gotten several comments about this year's firework display. He stated that it was a great event and is glad that it is back in the park. He suggested fundraising to have a large fireworks display for next year. Julie Fauser and Julia Glessner are already working on next year's event.

Ballard Fields Well Quotes

Rose presented the board with 2 quotes to install a well at Ballard field. The board feels that we can save money by installing a well that would pay for its self with in the first couple years. During the Soccer Season the water bills are large due to all the watering that is done. Rose will have Sam Ramsey from the Building Dept come to the next meeting so he can explain to the board about the flood zone and what the requirements are to have one installed. Helvie and Sons and Taylor Well Drilling are the two companies that gave quotes and they are attached.

WOL

Rose stated the City Wide Maintenance team will set up the displays this year for the WOL. They will start setting up displays on October 1st.

Community Foundation

Rose stated the WOL received a grant from the Community Foundation for \$2,644.00 for a new automated display.

Doug Darga

Rose stated Doug Darga is no longer with the Parks Dept. Julie Fauser and Julia Glessner will continue to take care of the Gardens area. The Parks Dept is currently taking applications for 2 positions.

Old Concessions

John Valasquez from the Audubon Club stated they want to make sure that since Belinda is no longer here that we are still interested in the project for the old concession stand being used as a conservatory. There have already been some donations deposited in the Parks Dept Non reverting approx \$900- \$1000 dollars. John wants the Parks Dept to Paint the building. Alan suggested that they come up with a plan and provide it to the board. It was suggested to do this project in phases. Alan suggested planting trees, etc. to create the habitat before a lot of money is put into the structure to see if it will even work. The Audubon Club is applying for a grant at the Community Foundation and the deadline is January 3, 2019. There will be a fall meeting for further information.

Other Business

Julia stated that our next event is the G.E.S. Class with Professor Passion. The Concert Series is over and was a good turnout. Julie also stated she is trying to raise the money to get the back three tennis courts done. Splash House Summary report was given to the board and is attached.

Motion to adjourn made by Kyle Beal; second by Kellie Street. Motion carried.