

Lebanon Board of Park Commissioners

Minutes

April 6th, 2021

Call to Order

President Laurie Gross called meeting to order.

Roll Call

All members present except Karen Galvin

Minutes

President Gross requested motion to approve March's minutes. Vice President Diane Scott made a motion to approve; Member Jessica Lollar seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Deb Schmucker updates the board on the Five-Year Master Plan.

Our focus since December has been meeting with the stakeholder groups and holding public meetings. We had a decent turnout to all our meetings and have had 331 participants take our questionnaire.

Deb shows a presentation of all the information she has gathering from our questionnaire and meetings.

President Gross open conversation up about the Ron Ebert Memorial that was tabled in last months meeting. Vice President Scott asks if we ever found if we had any policies on naming rights. Director Messenger and President Gross both agree that we do not have any policies regarding that. The board continued to discuss the different avenues of honoring those that have donated their time and efforts to Lebanon Memorial Baseball Diamond.

President Gross requested a motion to decline the naming rights of the field but to pursue other options to recognize those who have volunteered and donate time to the baseball program and field. Member John Lasley made a motion to decline the naming of the field after one person and look into possibly doing some type of wall of honor; Member Shirley McClaine seconded; motion carried unanimously.

President Gross reports that there was a committee put together to discuss the canoeing program at the conservation pond. Member Lasley reports on what they came up with. He states that him and Member Lollar spent about an hour at the conservation pond looking over the site. He states that there is a lot of pros and cons to this program. The area seems very hazardous. We think their needs to be more planning and more safety precautions taken before we left someone go out there for educational purposes or for leisure activities.

Member Lasley declines the request of canoeing at the conservation pond; Member Lollar seconded; motion carried unanimously.

New Business

None Discussed.

Director's Report

Director Messenger updates the Board on what's going on in each park, office work, and maintenance.

Project Update

- 5-year Park Masterplan Update – Deb Schmucker Cornerstone
- Tree & Brush removal @ Abner – Tree's R U - 99% complete
- Memorial Park Lighting – SETCO - 65% complete
- Memorial Park Playground – Sub Surface of Indiana – 50% complete
- Pool Expansion Seashore Waterpark - HWC
- Utilities Waterpark Drainage Bowen Construction
- Bike Pedestrian – Calumet Construction
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan Update
 - The City of Lebanon seeks to facilitate and improve bicycle and pedestrian connections within our community. In 2015, we prepared our first city wide bicycle and pedestrian master plan that identified priority routes and design standards to safety plan these connections. In 2022, the City of Lebanon is now assessing several items such as:
 - What new developments and attractions should we be connecting?
 - How should we prioritize key goals and projects?
 - How do we connect to Boone County and regional trail networks via Big 4 Trail?

Our youth groups have started practices and games soon to follow. Please be mindful of activity in all our parks because spring has sprung.

We have removed fencing and installed the fountains at the conservation pond.

We have removed several dead trees throughout our parks.

We have started to mow several of our properties. We mulched downtown and spring cleaned our flower beds.

We had some broken tiles at Memorial Park along with a damaged sanitary sewage line that are now both fixed.

All restrooms have been opened. The Memorial Park baseball restroom will be the only restroom open after dark. All other restrooms will be from dusk to dawn.

Lots of work at the waterpark has begun. We are working on repairing concrete and removing some deteriorating block walls.

The pickleball courts will be getting the cracks repaired when the weather is conducive with the product specifications.

We have worked on the dog park entrance, as there was water standing. We have a few improvements to do down there as soon as the weather allows.

Programs and Events

Our Spring Break Fitness Challenge is still going strong. Stop by the Parks Office to pick up the checklist or check out our Facebook or Instagram. Everyone that completes the challenge should stop by the Park Office to receive a prize.

Our Spring Pickleball League will start next Tuesday and will run for about 6 weeks. We received signups for Men's, Women's, and Co-Ed Doubles, and are looking forward to the season.

Our Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 16th! The first hunt will start at 10:30 and age groups are 2-4, 5-7, and 8-10. The Easter Bunny will also be available for pictures. We hope to see you there!

We started advertising for our Princess Party this past week. It will be held on Sunday, May 1st from 1pm – 4pm. Cost is \$5.00 per child to enter the Herr Cabin, where kiddos will get to visit with two princesses, complete a craft, enjoy cookies and punch, and more! No pre-registration is required.

Consideration of Claims

President Gross requested motion to approve the claims; Member McClaine made a motion to approve the claims; Member Lasley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

President Gross requested a motion to adjourn meeting Vice President Scott made a motion to adjourn; Member Lollar seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Taylor Orr

Office Manager