

Lebanon Board of Park Commissioners

Minutes

August 3rd, 2022

Call to Order

Vice President Diane Scott called meeting to order.

Roll Call

All members present except President Laurie Gross.

Minutes

President Gross requested motion to approve June's minutes. Member John Lasley made a motion to approve; Member Karen Galvin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Director John Messenger updates the board about our ongoing projects.

- 5-Year Master Plan
 - Almost complete and will present to the board in the next couple of months. We will submit it to DNR for review in January.
- Memorial Park Lighting
 - Complete- 3 months ahead of schedule
- Memorial Park Playground
 - Waiting on one part to be able to install. Then we will complete no fault surface and fencing.
- Pool Expansion Seashore Waterpark
 - We are ready for the next phase which is securing funds
- Bike Pedestrian
 - Asphalt being installed, concrete still going on in on S. East Street. No definite timeline.
- Utilities Waterpark Drainage Bowen Construction
 - On schedule for November completion.
- Life Station at Reese
 - Ahead of schedule, August completion.
- Stone Eater Bike Park
 - Working on securing a ready grant with Economic Development Corp. Spring opening possible.
- Tree ID
 - Meeting with Burt Wisenand tomorrow. All trees are ID, and we will be ordering placards.

New Business

None Discussed.

Director's Report

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

Seashore Waterpark and the Splashpad have been very popular this summer. With school starting tomorrow, our last weekday open will be August 3rd. We will have regular weekend hours after August 4th. Our last weekend open will be August 27th and 28th. Since our licensed staff are primarily high school and college kids and we will not have enough staff to safely allow patrons to swim. As of today, we have had 5,000 more patrons than this date last season.

Caleb has taken on the task of transforming the Conservation Pond with the removal of brush, stumps, and leveling out areas to make it more accessible with help from several others.

I want to thank the three seasonal employees that worked in the maintenance this summer. Watering flowers and maintaining downtown were their main tasks and we are already missing their hard work.

We have had a good turnout of applications for our full-time maintenance position, which we will offer next week.

We have had a lot of events, which the staff has gone above and beyond as always. This month we will prepare for August and September events and start to get the facilities ready for the fall.

Programs and Events

June and July Swim lessons have wrapped up and we saw around 120 kids. The weather was wonderful, and we never had to reschedule a class. We appreciate the lifeguard's dedication to this program and look forward to next year!

The 4th of July festivities all ran smoothly, and our parks remained clean and well kept.

We hosted a night pickleball tournament at the end of June and had a great turnout! The tournament started at 7pm and ended around 10pm, so the lights were used, and the courts looked great. We received several compliments about our facility.

Memorial Park was home to several outside events in June and July. There were 3 car shows, SERVE Day, Boone County Beat Down, 2 Community Band Concerts, and all the 4th of July activities. The Kiwanis Fishing Derby was held at Hot Pond Park and had a great turnout. SERVE Day saw a huge crowd and helped many families in the community. This was the first year for the Boone County Beat Down and they had a good turnout.

Our first ever Mother-Son Pool Party was this past Saturday and we saw around 200 moms and sons. Guests enjoyed pizza, water games, a jewel dive in the wave pool, and a photo booth. We couldn't have asked for better weather and we received several compliments about the event and the waterpark. We look forward to hosting the event again next year.

Tickets for our 2022 Daddy Daughter Dance are now on sale! You can purchase tickets online or by giving our office a call. The dance is set for Saturday, August 20th from 6:30-9:00pm and is a country western theme. Guests will enjoy dinner, dancing, a photo booth, and a hay ride

around the park! Cost is \$20 per couple and \$5 per additional child. Seashore Waterpark will close that day at 3pm.

Consideration of Claims

Vice President Scott requested motion to approve the claims; Member Galvin made a motion to approve the claims; Member Lollar seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Taylor Orr

Office Manager