

Lebanon Board of Park Commissioners

Minutes

October 5th, 2022

Call to Order

President Laurie Gross called meeting to order.

Roll Call

All members present except Member Jessica Lollar.

Minutes

President Gross requested motion to approve September's minutes. Member John Lasley made a motion to approve; Member Shirley McClaine seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Deb Schmucker gave a master plan presentation. She emphasized an action plan with upcoming projects for the next five years.

Director John Messenger clarified that some of these projects will need to be funded by the council. He also mentioned that the fishing pier at the Conservation Club will be funded by American Rescue Plan money.

New Business

None Discussed.

Director's Report

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

September was a very active month with many different events in our parks. We experienced beautiful weather which helped with great turnouts for events and enjoying our amenities.

We have most of the winterization completed at Seashore Waterpark with buffing and waxing our slides yet to be completed. From scrubbing floors to ceilings in bathhouses, power washing and scrubbing deck, cleaning the deck chairs, pumphouses, pool vessels etc. We completed maintenance and ordered equipment parts to be ready for next season along with concession stand refrigerators, freezers, ice machine and equipment being cleaned and evaluated for next year. Our pool manager also had a meeting with her supervisors to close out the season.

All sports facilities, shelters, and splashpad have/are being evaluated for repairs and future trouble spots being identified.

We have treated all grounds in the parks system along with aerating and slit seeding sports facilities along with addressing thinning areas. We will finish fall ground treatment by fertilizing.

We will keep restrooms open until the weather makes us close them except for restrooms by the baseball field in Memorial because they have heat.

We have started to inspect Christmas lights and make repairs as needed. We will be removing around 10 trees in the coming months and planting 15 trees next week, mostly memorials and a few along the linear park.

We are continuing to work at Conservation Pond with stump removal and brush clearing. With the frost hitting, we will be cleaning plant material from downtown in preparation for winter. Also working on several projects including piers and safety barriers near the football field, pickleball court removal and replacement, paved path, and lighting around Abner to touch on just a few improvements for the upcoming year.

Programs and Events

Our Fall Pickleball League is about to wrap up, with the league tournaments happening this evening and next Friday, the 14th. We look forward to starting back up in the Spring.

Lebanon Youth Soccer has started their season at Reese Park. They noted their registration doubled from this year compared to last!

Inwell hosted their 2nd Annual Boone County Recovery celebration on September 10th at Memorial Park. They had a great turnout with some very inspiring speakers.

Colonial Market Days were held this year on September 16th, 17th, and 18th at Abner Longley Park. They had a great turnout and wonderful weather.

Lincoln's Lebanon & Civil War Reenactment took place on September 24th & 25th in Memorial Park. They also had a good turnout and great weather!

Our all-inclusive playground was finally finished with the fence being installed last week just in time for our ribbon cutting. The ribbon cutting was a hit, and we thank everyone who helped put it on. Thank you, Mayor, and all that helped to make this great amenity happen. It was well received by all.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 29th! Our 2022 Pumpkins in the Park will take place in Memorial Park from 11am - 2pm. Cost is \$5.00 per person, and you can enjoy hayrides, pumpkin painting, a s'mores station, and kettle corn! We will also have Travelin' Tom's Coffee there for some fun fall drinks! We would like to give a special thank you to our sponsors as well, John Lasley Outdoor Solutions and Farmers Bank.

Consideration of Claims

President Gross requested motion to approve the claims; Member John Lasley made a motion to approve the claims; Vice President Diane Scott seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Taylor Orr

Office Manager