

Lebanon Board of Park Commissioners

Minutes

December 7th, 2022

Call to Order

President Laurie Gross called meeting to order.

Roll Call

All members present except Member Karen Galvin.

Minutes

President Gross requested motion to approve November's minutes. Vice President Diane Scott made a motion to approve; Member Shirley McClaine seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Damon Kries from Lebanon Youth Soccer came to follow up with his ideas from the previous meeting. He talked to Kevin Krulik and he said that there should not be an issue with putting asphalt over a gas line. They would like gravel instead if possible. A board member has equipment to move the gravel.

Applied for funding from Witham and the Boone REMC to build a new storage shed. They wanted to have a sign on the shed saying who donated it.

John is working with the lift station company to pave the current gravel area. He also suggests that naming a shed would need to go through legal and the board.

Disc golf and walking path at Abner Longley is being taken care of in the master plan. These plans must go through legal and then take three to four months to complete.

Conservation Park overlook is being surveyed and planned. A safety rail is a priority near the football field and the erosion.

Looking at replacing playground equipment at Abner Longley Park. John is using Sourcewell to find new equipment by minimizing the bidding process.

Trailhead restroom is being done with American Rescue plan money. The project is currently a work in progress. We will be starting this in January.

Lori Frost presented a recap of the 2022 Seashore Waterpark season. The pool had a record-breaking number of visitors and all revenue increased. Introduced many incentives for the staff this season.

All the pumps were serviced this summer and should be done every two years. Pool deck was recalked everywhere, and the kiddie feature panels and stairs were replaced. A new sign was added to the lily pads and the slides and entrance signs were updated.

Before the 2023 season, the lazy river island, red slide, and wave pool are having some concrete repair. The red slide is being repainted this spring. The lily pad ropes, and landing pads are being replaced. The biggest project will be the pool walls and floors that are being painted this spring.

Lori proposed increasing pool pass prices for the 2023 season. Member John Lasley recommended that the board increases the pool pass rates.

New Business

No new business was presented at this meeting.

Director's Report

The grounds are in great condition heading into winter thanks to the warm, dry conditions. The downtown beds were cleaned up and cut back and all Christmas decorations were installed. All decorations have been installed in Memorial Park as well.

We had a few trees taken down with the huge winds in November, mostly on the Big 4 Trail. We plan on trimming the brush back in the next few weeks.

Allyson, Thomas, and I attended the IPRA Conference in Indianapolis last month and gained an abundance of knowledge. We took away a lot of great ideas and knowledge of trends happening in parks and rec. It was also a great networking opportunity for our team!

Our maintenance crew cleaned up the trail and Arboretum this week and several are scheduled to receive training from Purdue this winter. They will receive training on spray licensing and playground inspection. We are also gearing up for our lifeguard re-certification classes that will take place at the end of this month.

We have had one measurable snow so far, and took care of all trails and Memorial Park, as well as downtown. We used about 1 ½ tons of ice melt with our new parts of the Big 4 Trail included.

The tree tagging program is now complete, as all trees have been identified and tagged. We are so thankful to have this in our park!

We welcomed TWO new babies to the park family this past week! Caleb Schenck and his wife Kacie welcomed a baby girl – Wrenlee Jane and Taylor Orr and her husband Cody, welcomed a baby boy – Crew Robert. We are so happy for both families!

Programs and Events

- The Boys & Girls Club hosted their L Gravy Race this year on Thanksgiving Day. The race had a great turnout, with over 300 participants. The race started and ended downtown and went through Memorial Park.
- Christmas in the Cabin and the Christmas Parade took place last Saturday, December 3rd and although it was extremely windy and cold, we still had a good turnout! We are so

thankful for all those that volunteer to be in the parade, as well as the volunteers that help with Christmas in the Cabin. We look forward to next year!

- We are working with Mane Event Carriages to schedule evening carriage rides, so patrons can see the Christmas lights lit up. Tentatively, we are looking at December 16th & 17th from 5pm – 9pm. There will be an official posting on that soon!
- In the next week or two, we will be posting about our virtual Blanket Fort Building contest. Families can get together over Winter Break and create an awesome blanket fort, for the chance to win a prize from the Parks Department!

Consideration of Claims

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

Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Taylor Orr

Office Manager