

Lebanon Board of Park Commissioners

Minutes

March 1st, 2023

Call to Order

President Laurie Gross called meeting to order.

Roll Call

All members are present.

Minutes

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

Old Business

Director John Messenger updates the board on the 5 Year Master Plan and the City Council meeting.

The Master Plan is currently in front of DNR, and we are planning on submitting it in April.

The City Council and the Mayor met with all the department head last week. We went over our project list, and they are in the process of reviewing those to see what they can help fund.

New Business

Director Messenger discussed information about the environmental grant for the park that will be going in where the soon former Street Department is.

This grant will provide the Master Plan for the new park and cover the engineering fees that come with it. Derek Warren from planning was instrumental in getting this grant.

Director's Report

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

February brought some nice weather and allowed us to get ahead on outside projects. Big 4 Trail brush has been cut back and cleaned up from Serum Plant Road in Thorntown to the trailhead. This has been roughly a 3 week project and we will be ready for asphalt work to start in the next month. This will start at the northern end of the trail and work south to the center township line.

We've placed decorative rocks along S. East Street to detour cars driving on the trail. We've removed 8 trees and ground stumps, filled holes with dirt seeding & strawing, laid stone down at Abner Longley where new asphalt was put down elevating trip hazard.

Prep work started two weeks ago on both pool vessels. They have been power washing and patching concrete. This will be finished up by the end of this week. RL Turner started this week with concrete work on the lazy river and runout slide. This will be done before both pools are

painted. Weather permitting, the concrete work should be done within 3 weeks and the pool painting project should wrap up in late April/early May.

Thomas Engels recently completed his Lifeguard Instructor Certification course, which will allow us to certify all our lifeguards in house. He certified two city employees today. This is a huge asset to us, and we are so thankful and proud of him for taking on this responsibility.

Jonathan Lewellen received his core license from the Indiana State Chemist after passing the exam. Aaron McMasters received his CPO (Certified Pool Operator) license through Spear Corporation after passing his exam as well.

Restrooms in the park office have been updated, along with extensive cleaning of the maintenance barns, pump houses, etc.

Installation of the new cameras has started and will be complete within two weeks, along with upgrades to some of the cameras.

The old merry-go-round at Memorial Park had a main shaft break over the weekend. We have it repaired and will be re-installed after a new paint job (it is very popular).

In the next couple of months, we will be working on the grounds and downtown flower beds. Rolling, seeding, conditioning, treating, along with fresh mulch and trimming.

Our final open interview date will be this Saturday, March 4th. We had a great turnout for our first round of interviews and are hoping to meet lots of new faces on Saturday. Interviews will take place at our Parks Office, and we are hiring for lifeguards and concessions workers. Starting pay is \$10/hr and applicants must be 15 years old.

Lifeguard Certifications will take place on March 11th & 12th and April 29th & 30th. We are excited to have Thomas Engels teach these classes and look forward to having the new lifeguards join our team! Thomas will also be certifying a couple of our employees this Wednesday.

Programs and Events

Our Spring Pickleball League Registration is now open. We will be offering 3 different divisions – Men's, Women's, & Co-Ed Doubles. However, for a division to be played, we must have 4 teams. Games will be played on Tuesday evenings and the league will run for roughly 6 weeks. You can register online or give our office a call. Registration closes March 30th.

Consideration of Claims

President Gross requested motion to approve the claims; Vice President Scott made a motion to approve the claims; Secretary Karen Galvin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

President Gross requested a motion to adjourn meeting Member Shirley McClaine made a motion to adjourn; Secretary Galvin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Taylor Orr

Office Manager