

Lebanon Board of Park Commissioners

Minutes

June 7th, 2023

Call to Order

President Laurie Gross called meeting to order.

Roll Call

All members are present except Vice President Diane Scott.

Minutes

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

Old Business

None Discussed

New Business

Damon Kries from Lebanon Youth Soccer presented to the board about a barn design for Reese Park. He met with Ben from the City Planning Department, and he requested that he have formal approval from the Park Board.

Member Brett Craig asked Damon a few questions regarding the use and maintenance of the barn. Damon stated that if LYSA would move locations that the barn would be picked up and moved. He also stated that he would upkeep the building and allow the Parks Department to store maintenance items if needed. The building would have a wood interior and a metal outside.

Director Messenger advised the board that he and the park staff would like a more permanent structure since it is a park. He also stated that he would like to see something that is brick and mortar and something with restrooms.

President Laurie Gross requested a motion to continue to work with LYSA but not allow a temporary structure on park grounds; Member Galvin seconded; motion carried with one no.

Director's Report

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

Memorial Park:

- Baseball Field
 - High School season ended
 - Two baseball camps are being held this week
 - Hoosier Townball and Indiana Baseball League are playing
 - Several Tree identified to be removed.
- Seashore Waterpark
 - Smooth soft opening and opening day

- Huge attendance first two weeks
- Grounds
 - Two trees were removed and stumps grinded
 - 150 yard of ADA compliant mulch installed
 - Brown Dyed mulch installed in several more beds
 - Annual flowers installed
 - Power washed all shelters and bandstand
 - Perennials cut back
 - Flags installed
 - Stained gazebo
 - Canopy's raised on trees
- Playground
 - Inspection
 - Graffiti removed
- Restrooms
 - Electronic closer repaired
 - Toilet repaired
 - Power washed entries

Abner Longley Park:

- Several trees removed and stumps ground
- Underbrush cut
- Sticks being picked up (ARC)
- Invasive species in areas
- Sterilant removed in areas
- Pond treatment (fighting algae – climatic conditions)
- Pond stocked
- Shelter and restroom entrance power washed

Reese Park:

- Lift station work in progress
- Very active, please be mindful when in area

Hot Pond:

- Identified 4 trees to be removed
- Fountain issues (electrical being checked)
- New grill installed
- Pond stocked
- Pond treatment

Ruth Brookshire Arboretum:

- Three tree removed
- Several identified to be removed

Big 4 Trail:

- Work almost completed
- Asphalt complete and approaches close to being completed

Downtown:

- Trimmed trees (raised canopy's)
- Several event (behind the scenes work)
- The Street Dept. installed sand on pavers
- Raised canopy's along East street
- Installed flags on East street
- Routine pick up of trash, weed pulling and water flowers.

Gene Hauss:

- Trimmed some plant material
- Irrigation work
- Pomd treatment

Programs and Events:

The Megan Hammerle 5K was held early May and they had a huge turnout. The race started at Lebanon High School and came through Memorial Park. We are always happy to see this race come through the park every year!

On May 7th we hosted our 3rd annual Princess Party in the Park! This year we had Sleeping Beauty and Rapunzel visit, as well as crafts & cookies. We had a great crowd and the weather turned out perfect.

Our June swim lessons will begin next week and we are completely full in all age groups. We are looking forward to meeting all 60 kids who will be participating!

The Splash Pad opened on May 20th and we also held our All Staff Orientation for the waterpark that same day. We have a summer staff of over 60 and the summer has started off great! Seashore Waterpark opened May 27th and we have been busy almost every day since!

Along with opening day of the waterpark, Band Chamberlain hosted a Memorial Day Party in Memorial Park. The band performed on the bandstand and there were several food trucks, as well as a car show for people to enjoy. We hope to have them back again next year!

The Buick Club hosted their Car Show again in Memorial Park on June 3rd and had an amazing turnout. We enjoy seeing this car show come to the park every year and hope to see them again next year!

The Kiwanis Fishing Derby was also held on June 3rd at Hot Pond Park, and they also had a good turnout with nice weather.

InWell will be hosting their Summer of Recovery event tomorrow evening (June 8th) in Memorial Park. There will be live music, keynote speakers, and recovery & wellness resources. The event will run from 5:30 - 8:00pm.

We are wrapping up our Spring Pickleball League, as the last night will be this coming Tuesday. We had 12 teams this round and played for 11 weeks. It has been a lot of fun and we look forward to starting back up in the fall.

Our Mother-Son Pool Party will be held at Seashore Waterpark next Friday, June 16th! The cost is \$20 per couple which covers admission and dinner. There will be plenty of games, a s'more station, and of course lots of swimming! The event will run from 5:30pm - 8:00pm. We hope to see you there!

On Friday, June 30th, we will be hosting our Servin' Up Sparks Pickleball Tournament! This is a night tournament, with pool play starting at 7pm. Our 18-54 age division is now full, but we do have remaining spots in our 55+ division. The cost is \$40 per team and includes a t shirt, snacks, and water. We are looking forward to using our courts under the lights.

Consideration of Claims

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

Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Taylor Orr

Office Manager