

Lebanon Board of Park Commissioners

Minutes

November 1st, 2023

Call to Order

Vice President Diane Scott called meeting to order.

Roll Call

All members are present except President Laurie Gross and Member Karen Galvin.

Minutes

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

Old Business

Kevin Krulik gives the board an update on Stone Eater Bike Park

Since my last update, we have completed the dry detention, seeding, and surface trash clean up. We had our initial site visit with the trail builders, Pump Tracks, last week. We are actively working through material procurement for the trail construction. As far as bidding updates, the parking lot and site utility bid packages are out and ready. These will be opened at the November 27th meeting. We are also working on many grants to help with some of the construction.

New Business

None discussed.

Director's Report

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

Our maintenance department is focusing on getting things ready for the Christmas season. The next 13 working days we will be putting up decorations throughout Memorial Park. Downtown lights will be installed with the 26' Christmas tree the week of the 13th.

We have treated all the park properties, along with Gene Haus, with fertilizer and weed control. Winterization is in full swing. The pool, bathhouse, and concession stand have all been winterized. We will shut down and winterize Abner Longley and Memorial Park playground restrooms the week of the 13th. The football building at Abner will also be winterized. All fountains at Abner and Hot Pond have been removed, winterized, and stored.

Hot Pond and Conservation Pond were stocked with bluegill and bass for the second time this year.

We have also removed a few trees and stumps throughout the park and trimmed the Big 4 Trail to Colfax.

LYSA is now finished for the season and LYFA will finish their season on Nov. 10th. IBL just finished two weekends ago.

Celebrated Pixie Playhouses' service at the Cabin in Memorial Park. Thanks to Kelly Cook and Jeri Day for putting this together.

The Park Staff got to volunteer at the Shalom House last month along with loading another container to Africa for the Malawi Project.

Programs and Events:

Our Fall Pickleball League is now wrapped up! The league winners were Team Hendrix! We had 10 teams in our fall league, and everyone did a great job. We will start back up in the Spring!

Rotary held their annual Trick or Trot 5k on October 14th in Memorial Park. They had a great turnout.

We had a great time at our Pumpkins in the Park this year! We had a few new features this year including a new pumpkin scavenger hunt, live music by Journey & Jet and the Refuge Coffee Truck. We lucked out with good weather and no rain! Guests had the chance to paint a pumpkin, enjoy a hayride, make a s'more, and more! We look forward to this event every year and can't wait for next year!

Next Thursday, November 9th, the Witham Family YMCA will be hosting their annual Veteran's Day Boxed Lunch Drive-Thru in Memorial Park. They will be set up in the parking lot near the bandstand (on the west side of the park) and the event will run from 11am – 12pm. Thank you to all who have served and are still serving!

We have a couple 5Ks coming up in Memorial Park. On November 18th, there will be a 5K to benefit Adoption ran by Allie Barnes and on November 23rd, the Boys and Girls Club will be hosting their L Gravy Chase.

We are gearing up for our 2023 Christmas Events! On Saturday, December 2nd, we will be hosting our Christmas in the Cabin event, where guests can enjoy hot chocolate and cookies, visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus, and make a craft! Pre-Registered carriage rides will also be going on. We are fully booked for our carriage rides as they booked up very fast today!

After visiting with Santa, be sure to come back to the park or the downtown square for the Christmas Parade! The parade will start at 6pm and will make a loop around the park, then head downtown on Meridian Street. We will stop at the big tree downtown and let Santa off to light up the tree. Then the parade will head back up East Street and will end at the park. If you are interested in registering a float this year, please visit our website or give our office a call!

Consideration of Claims

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

Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Taylor Orr

Office Manager