

City of Lebanon Park Board Meeting

Winfrey Property

25573 Highway 5

Meeting Minutes: May 12th, 2021

In Attendance:

Park Board Members: RaeAnn Shoemaker, Max Meckem, Jacob Hedges, Carrie Plassmeyer, Bob Mowery, and Dave Matlock. Media: Steve Smith and Patty Burns Staff: Director of Parks John Shelton and Assistant Director of Parks Elliot Wilburn.

RaeAnn Shoemaker called the meeting to order.

Carrie Plassmeyer made a motion to approve the April 14th minutes. The motion was seconded by Jacob Hedges. All approved.

Baseball/Softball Leagues:

Elliot Wilburn reported that the summer season of baseball and softball will start on May 17th and that this year league has 25 teams coming from out of town and 9 more teams joining from the Waynesville league. He said altogether over 1,100 kids are signed up to play baseball and softball in league this year. He also reported that the parks have hosted 2 tournaments so far this year with 77 teams participating in those tournaments.

Boswell Aquatic Center:

John reported that the aquatic center is set to open on Tuesday June 1st. He said that some of the new activities they have offered have had good registration numbers so far. There are currently 22 kids signed up for swim lessons and another 24 kids signed up for swim team. He thinks that getting kids involved in these activities will also help bring more kids to the pool daily.

Skatepark Update:

John reported that the contract with Spohn Ranch to build the skatepark had been approved at the last city council meeting. When speaking with Spohn Ranch their hope was to begin with the construction of the skatepark in late June or early July.

Park Tax Committee:

John reported that City Council passed the vote to put the park tax on the August election. The tax is a ½ cent sales tax with 3/8 going to parks and 1/8 going to stormwater. He said he thought it would be a good idea to have at least a 3-person committee to create support for the tax. RaeAnn Shoemaker, and Carrie Plassmeyer both agreed to be on the committee and the Board thought Raeanne Reid would be a great chairperson of the committee. John said he would try to make his rounds through the service clubs to give information about the tax. Carrie said she would speak with her brother who is in marketing to try and come up with a slogan for the tax. The Board also discussed different advertising ideas.

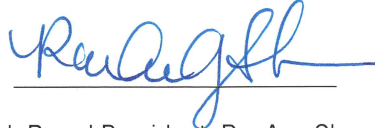
Comments from the Board:

John stated that he has heard tons of compliments about how nice the ballfields are and how the out-of-town teams love to come here and play. Carrie stated that she was at Harke Park the other day and it was full of kids playing and had 2 different birthday parties going on at the same time.

Comments from the Public:

There were no comments from the Public.

Carrie Plassmeyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Bob Mowery. All approved.



Park Board President, RaeAnn Shoemaker