

City of Lebanon Park Board Meeting

Winfrey Property

25573 Highway 5

Meeting Minutes: July 8th, 2020

In Attendance:

Park Board Members: Jacob Hedges, RaeAnn Shoemaker, Max Meckem, Dave Matlock, Carrie Plassmeyer, and Dusty Childress. **Media:** Steve Smith **Public:** Bruce Owen **Staff:** Pool Manager Chad Coleman, Director of Parks John Shelton, Assistant Director of Parks Elliot Wilburn,

RaeAnn Shoemaker called the meeting to order.

Carrie Plassmeyer made a motion to approve the June 17th minutes. The motion was seconded by Dusty Childress. All approved.

Nelson Lake Parking:

John Shelton reported that the City is working with White River Marine to add head on parking to Nelson Lake along Kent Drive and then also painting lines for parking at the cul-de-sac on Pine Street. He said they are also looking into the idea of adding a sidewalk from the Pine Street cul-de-sac and connecting it to Maple Lane. He went on to say that the parks department would not be responsible for the cost associated with these additions.

Boswell Aquatic Center Update:

Pool manager Chad Coleman introduced himself to the Board and stated that the pool has been busy so far this summer. He thinks part of the reason is due to summer school starting later and kids ready to be out of the house with regular school shutting down early. He also reported that they started swim lessons this week and that 12 kids were signed up. Next year the plan is to start swim lessons the week the pool opens, they would have started them earlier this year, but the staff only had one person that had taught swim lessons before. He also talked about the possibility of the parks running a swim team next year. It would just be like an 8-week season with a couple practices a week and a couple of competitive meets. John Shelton mentioned that he had asked Chad to compare our pool admission prices to other pools around the area and that Lebanon is on the cheaper side of admission prices. He would like the Board to look into possibly raising the admission price for next year. He does not want to make it unaffordable but also wants the admission to cover the cost of labor with increasing minimum wage driving up labor cost each year.

Baseball Tournament Update:

Elliot Wilburn reported that they have another ball tournament scheduled this weekend with 41 teams entered and all 10 fields being used. He said that July 18th was going to be the last scheduled tournament, but they have been so successful and filling up so quick that 5 additional tournaments have been added to the schedule. The last tournament is now scheduled to be played on October 3.

Tree City:

John stated that we were awarded with being a tree city again this year for meeting all the qualifications again. Usually a ceremony is held on Arbor Day but with the Covid-19 pandemic the ceremony was cancelled. He did say that a presentation will be made at the July 27th city council meeting, recognizing us as a tree city again this year.

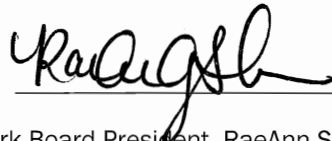
Comments from the Board:

There were no comments from the Board.

Comments from the Public:

Bruce Owen thanked the Board for all the hard work and for making the dedication of the new Nelson Park such a success. He also talked about the great success of the Route 66 Festival and stated that this year's festival had over 180 cars for the car show more than double the amount from 2 years ago. He also thinks that the amphitheater project will be a huge hit for the community and help with cost of the Route 66 Festival since they will no longer have to rent a stage.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "RaeAnn Shoemaker", written over a horizontal line.

Park Board President, RaeAnn Shoemaker