

Attendance: Mike Clendenen, Leon Davis, Bruce Bestul, Irvin Arnold, Tonya Faupel, Teresa Hatten, Kim Yoh, Joe Guise, Rob Moyer, Angela Daniel, Shelia Berning

Guests: Colleen Simons

PARK BOARD MEETING

Minutes

Monday March 1, 2021

6:00 P.M.

Location: **New Haven Community Center**

1. Call to Order

Leon Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

A. Please Silence Cell Phones, Pagers, and Electronic Devices

B. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Minutes

- Irvin Arnold made a motion to approve the February 1, 2021 minutes. Bruce Bestul seconded. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Claims

- Irvin Arnold presented the 3/1/2021 claims as follows:

Monthly Claims: \$47,856.50

Payroll on 2/4 and 2/18 totaling \$55,409.47.

Prepays totaling \$5,396.01.

Grand total of Claims: \$108,661.98

Mike Clendenen explained three of the claims paid this month: Fritch Construction \$3,125.00 for taking shed down at Werling Park; Service Electric \$2,175.00 for Moser Park updates; O'Daniel Ford \$31,912.25 for purchase of 2020 F250 Ford Pickup Truck.

Tonya Faupel seconded. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Marylands Farm Discussion

Discussion of Master Plan tabled until April meeting. NH Parks owns the entire property. Working on what to do about the rental house. Alison Adams has life estate in main house and is responsible for upkeep and insurance of it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pool Drain Covers Quote

The pool is 10 years old. It has 6 pool drain covers that need, by law, to be replaced every 10 years. The cost to replace all 6 covers is \$5,880.00. Once ordered, we will receive them in about 1 month. Bruce made a motion to order the covers so that they would be in place by the time the pool opens. Tonya seconded. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Mike Clendenen reported that Southeast Revival Baseball would like to use the ball diamonds at Klotz Park this summer. He said that they would maintain them and provide their own restrooms. NH Parks will require they sign a waiver of liability and will continue the general park maintenance at Klotz. Mike suggested that the diamond fee be waived for the year. Tonya made a motion to allow Southeast Revival Baseball to use the Klotz Park ball diamonds waiving the fee for the summer. Teresa seconded. Motion carried.
- Jury Park – Between the tennis courts and parking lot is gravel. Nick Goranson is concerned about moisture under the tennis courts. He recommends building a retaining wall to help with

drainage and for safety, installing a sidewalk to the pool. The work would be completed by Kline Construction which installed the patio on Jury Park playground. This could be completed in 3 phases as follows.

Phase 1: \$13,875.00 Retaining wall

Phase 2: \$ 9,840.00 Sidewalk including ADA ramp.

Phase 3: \$ 3,250.00 Concrete approach & concrete steps

Mike Clendenen recommends proceeding with Phase 1 and working on Phases 2 & 3 at a later date. Irv made a motion to approve the recommendation. Teresa seconded. Motion carried.

- The Citizens Academy begins today and will meet in the Community Center Oak Room. The April and May Park Board meetings will be held in the Apple Orchard.
- The Groundbreaking for the Community Center Park will be held in April. Mike will let the Board know the date so they can attend.
- Mike will have knee surgery this Wednesday, March 3, 2021. Afterward, he will be available by email and phone.

OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT:

- A Resolution was presented: Received \$10.00 from Carol Lubomirski for Senior Carry Out Creative Crafts. Irv made a motion to accept. Bruce seconded. Motion carried.

RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Angela Daniel reported that the summer programs are planned to include Drama Depot to be held at the historic New Haven Railroad Depot. The Community Gardens is filling up. M3 planning is full swing: signing up vendors and social media promotion. Planning a Carry out Camp for seniors and youth using the Healing Seeds Grant of \$5,000 (a Stellar Communities Grant Project). Maintenance and volunteers have painted the Meadowbrook Craft Shed. NH Parks has received \$2,000.00 in donations for playground equipment for Meadowbrook Park. Recommended putting this money toward the purchase of a climber, slide and two benches. The total cost will be \$5,096.00. Motion made by Teresa to accept recommendation. Tonya seconded. Motion carried.

MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Rob Moyer reported that Maintenance completed pool renovations and is busy getting ready for the mowing season and summer programs beginning. They are also looking forward to the construction of the Community Center Park. February snow removal was a challenge and the Community Center roof leaked due to snow drifting on it. The Rivergreenway is currently closed due to flooding. Mud will need to be cleared off the trail before it can be reopened. Moser Park's restroom ventilation has been updated. The new parkwide cleaning system is working great.

AQUATICS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Kim Yoh reported that the pool plans to open Memorial Day weekend. Need to hire staff, some of whom need to be recertified. Waiting to learn Board of Health guidelines concerning swim lessons, cleaning, and social distancing. We will not rent the Yellow Room this summer. May need to post disclaimers concerning COVID-19. Kim is in talks with Coke and Pepsi about which will be served at the pool this summer. Mike commented that the slide renovation will begin in April.

FITNESS MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Joe Guise reported that new group exercise classes will soon begin. These will include after-school classes led by Bree Bestul. High-intensity classes will also be offered. The current classes

will be converted to Silver Sneakers so that NH Parks is able to receive reimbursement for them. On April 17, 2021, a Ladies Self-Defense class will be held. The Fitness Center is looking to hire a part-time staff person, updating the fitness brochure, and developing a new logo for the Fitness Center.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- No report

GUEST COMMENTS:

- Collen Simons commented that she participated in the Arbor Day Conference over the internet and learned what other communities are doing. She is excited about the New Haven Reforestation (Miyawaki) Project. No date has been set for the planting.

BOARD COMMENTS:

- None

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 6:46pm.

Attested by: _____ Signed by: _____