

Monday, October 28, 2024 meeting minutes

The Connersville Parks and Recreation board met in the council chambers of City Hall on Monday, October 28, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Vice President Angie McMullen presided with board members, Ann Kirschner, Julie Fisher, and Vane Lashua present. Park Superintendent Marla Steele, Park Assistant Superintendent Grace Williams, Sports Director Logan Neukam, and Park Secretary Kelly Moffett were also present.

Board member Julie Fisher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Kelly Moffett completed the roll call.

There were no additions or corrections to the September minutes. Board member Ann Kirschner made a motion to accept September minutes, and board member Julie Fisher seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Park Superintendent Marla Steele gave the Park Superintendent monthly report. Community Day of Sharing was held on October 2. We had crews working at J. Long 2nd Street Park and the Nickel Plate Trail. We also had a group from the Fayette County Land & Soil Conservation working on removing invasive species at the John Conner Nature Preserve.

The Renaissance Fair was hold on October 12th. We had over 30 craft vendors, food trucks, bounce houses, highland games and a movie under the stars.

Longwood Bridge painting has been completed.

Trunk or Treat will be held October 29th we have over 40 participants signed up to pass out candy.

Upcoming events: Trunk or Treat October 29, 2024 5-7pm. Illuminate the Roberts Park throughout the month of December 2024. Christmas in the Park community event December 5, 2024 5-7pm.

The Assistant Superintendents report was given by Grace. Junk in the Trunk event had a lower turnout than was expected. We plan to have another one in March of 2025.

Living Well, Aging Well numbers have still been down due to it being nice outdoors. We purchased 2 large retractable banners to provide a more welcoming entrance for new and returning members.

Grace reported that we were able to purchase some memorial trees from Rush County Soil and Water Conservation, they have been planted.

Logan gave his Athletic Director report. Fall Soccer season was a success. Thank you to all coaches, referees, concession workers and parents.

Girls basketball season will begin on November 2nd. All games will be played at the “old gym” at the high school. (Enter pool doors at end of hall).

Boys basketball sign-ups are going on now through Nov 15th. The boys basketball season will begin after Christmas break.

Future goals are to have another successful girls and boys basketball season.

Old Business: No old business

New Business: Marla reported that we have an application for stall rentals, he would like to rent 3 stalls in Barn one. Mr. Baker, the tenant was present at the meeting, Board member Ann Kirschner questioned if he understood the contract. Mr. Baker voiced understanding. Vane Lashua made a motion to approve his request for stall rental, Ann Kirschner seconded, motion approved.

Marla went over the Park Board member responsibilities. Marla asked for the board’s feedback on potentially changing the time of our monthly board meeting to be held during the day instead of the evening. Ann Kirschner questioned if we would have to have it during a time when the public would be able to attend. Marla stated that she had confirmed with John Pause from Channel 3 that it would be possible. He confirmed that a 9am or noon meeting on the fourth Monday of the month would work. Marla said it does not need to be decided tonight, but to let her know your thoughts. Vane Lashua suggested changing the time from 6:30pm to 6:00pm.

Marla discussed revenue transfers. Rosemary has been taking care of transferring money from some accounts, we have gotten approval at the Board of Works meetings. Marla wanted to discuss changes to the 2025 fee schedule. We are considering adding an option to rent the Roberts building for the entire day with \$150 deposit. We are also considering adding a deposit to the rental of our shelters. We would also like to raise the rate for pool admission to 3-17 years old \$4 and adults \$6.

We would also like to put registration money from sports into a non-reverting account. Fifty percent of sports registrations fees would help with the cost of the sporting events.

It has also been suggested that we start charging a 3.5% fee for using credit cards.

Ann questioned practice fee schedules. It was explained that if the sporting team is through the Parks dept, they may practice at our facilities for free. If a sporting team would like to use the gym to practice it is a discounted rate of \$20 per hour. Ann also suggested posting signs at the soccer field to throw trash into trash cans.

Marla stated that we would further discuss the fee schedule at the November park board meeting. Marla also stated to let her know of any suggestions or goals you would like to see set in 2025.

Miscellaneous Business: No miscellaneous business.

No public forum.

Vane Lashua made a motion to approve claims including payroll. Julie Fisher seconded. Motion carried.

Vane Lashua entertained a motion to adjourn and Julie Fisher seconded it. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Scribed by: Kelly Moffett

November 8, 2024

Park Board Meeting approved minutes

Date: _____

Amy Hammons, President

Angie McMullen, Vice President

Vane Lashua, Board Member

Julie Fisher, Board Member

Ann Kirschner, Board Member

Sasha Henderson Board Member

