

Bridgeton Parks & Recreation Board
June 21, 2022
Attendance
Matthews Park

Present

Nancy Haug – Chair
Maribeth Esteeep
Gretchen Luke-New Ex Officio
Kathy Schlag
Brad Eader
Brendan Kane – Director
Wallace Foster-Secretary

Absent

Luke Bland
Conner Matusek

Nancy Haug called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda made by Maribeth Esteeep seconded by Brad Eader, motion passed.

Approval of the Minutes: Motion to approve minutes made by Brad Eader, seconded by Kathy Schlag, motion passed.

Public Portion:

None

Old Business:

Personnel: Cassie Callahan is the new Supervisor of Camp and Special Events taking Tera Baker's position.

Katie Tucker is the new Administrative Assistant, taking Angela Wright's position. Both will be introduced at the next City Council meeting.

Riverwoods Park Bridge: The concrete around the bridge has been removed, but the bridge can't be removed at the time due to inclement weather. Seven days of dry weather is needed to remove the bridge or get a crane barge to pick-up from the river. There is no cost increase.

Recreation Open Gym: The transition of not allowing Non-Residents into the gym is going smoothly. Residents and Members are very appreciative of this policy change. Revenue is being lost but will find ways to replace.

Indoor Pool H-VAC: Bids were received, Council approved, we are waiting on repair/parts. The decision to close the pool was made for safety purposes. Some classes/programs were able to be moved to the outdoor pool, others were not.

Seasonal Report: See attached sample.
Seasonal report will be added to Facebook and the website.

New Business:

2023 Budget Discussion: Mid-year budget meeting coming soon. Berry Hill irrigation system will be covered by a grant; BMAC tennis courts need to be completely resurfaced, BMAC trail is in poor condition, one of the concessions needs replacing, restrooms need to be renovated. Five-year plan will be updated.

Sponsorship Update: Leonardo DRS is our Gold Sponsor for Independence Day Festivities. They have been great to work with. Leonardo DRS sponsors our pool, BMAC, leagues and concerts, and want to do more for our community.

Activities Update:

- July 4th planning is on schedule.
- First concert was sparsely attended due to extremely hot weather.
- Fishing derby went very well. 90-100 kids participated.
- Park rental activity has continued to increase.
- Issues with camp counselor (terminated.)

Ex-Officio's Report:

Gretchen Luke updated us on the following:

- Trash Service bid is open.
- Liquor license was rejected for Yahala Mediterranean Restaurant.
- Indoor pool repairs approved by Council.
- Rezoning approval given to Frank Leta parking area.
- Charter Commission complete, see draft at Bridgetonmo.com
- Mid-term budget review July 12-14th.

- New police officer Matthew Conaway started 6/20/22
- Wish Walk Saturday 9/17/22; registration through Eventbrite.com
- Police command staff has met with DePaul Hospital regarding mental health and homeless.
- Police went through Annual Active Shooter training.

Staff Report:

Brendan Kane had Craig Dew look at the old BMAC lights laying against fence. Crews will chop down weeds and get rid of old lights.

Chair Report: Nancy Haug announced she has nothing to report.

Motion: Chairman Nancy Haug called for a motion to adjourn....

Motion to adjourn by Maribeth Estee, seconded by Kathy Schlag, meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, **August 16th**, at the Recreational Center. **No July meeting.**