

Bridgeton Parks & Recreation Board
August 16th, 2022
Attendance
Bridgeton Recreation Center- Room 2

Present

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

Absent

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Nancy Haug called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda: Brendan Kane added Park Fires to the agenda. Motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Maribeth Esteeep seconded by Kathy Schlag, motion passed.

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

Public Portion:

None

Old Business:

Berry Hill Irrigation Grant: A public hearing was held at Berry Hill on 7/21/2022. A resident wanted a survey but when we have an emergency project we don't have time to complete a survey.

Riverwoods Park Bridge: The bridge has been removed. Barricades are currently up. The plan is to remove portion of the path that leads to the channel later in the fall or next spring. Split the removal cost of \$18,000 with Great Rivers Greenway, costing the city \$9,000.

Indoor Pool H-VAC: The HVAC repairs are complete. System is currently working.

Indoor Pool Cleaning Closure: The pool was closed two weeks after repairs were complete for the annual cleaning. Brendan Kane stated that it was too dangerous to do the cleaning while the HVAC was being repaired due to the heat. Scheduled to reopen Sunday, August 21st. Discussion on shortening the classes at the end of spring and beginning of summer to 5 weeks in the future to eliminate the chaos when classes move outdoors.

New Business:

Outdoor Pool Incident: Brendan Kane updated the commission concerning the two incidents at the outdoor pool. There was a gun threat made by a Bridgeton Resident. The police handled the situation, and the young man is banned from all Bridgeton Facilities. There was also a “drive by” shooting with “orbeez” during a child’s birthday party. The police are currently investigating the situation. Nancy Haug suggested moving the shell car in between the pool and Gentry Park for both pool and Gentry House visibility.

Park Fires: Matthew’s Park bathroom was set on fire. Hellebusch Park Gazebo was set on fire. The police are currently investigating the incidents. There are currently no cameras in our parks, but the police have “flock cameras” and are discussing adding some to our parks. The insurance company came out to give an estimate on repairs. Brendan Kane will look to negotiate estimates. The Recreation Center staff is relocating rentals to other parks to accommodate patrons/renters.

Special Events Commission: At the last Special Events Commission meeting they discussed merging with Park Board. The commission is having a hard time getting people to participate on the 4th of July.

July 4th Recap: Overall everything went smoothly. The timing with the band and fireworks was off. The sound engineer will likely be replaced next year. The new band has their own sound engineer that will most likely be used next year. The volume was much better close to the stage this year, but people farther away could not hear. Will talk to new engineer about volume levels and speakers.

Flood Damage: There was quite a bit of flood damage in our parks. Hickory Woods Trail, all the rock were washed away. BMAC trail, there is a giant sink hole. BMAC field, outfield, and warning track underwater. BMAC concession stand acquired water. BMAC retaining wall collapsed. Matthew's Park playground mulch was washed away. Hellebusch pond colorant washed away, and ballfield flooded. Berry Hill had some erosion issues. Pain Gentry House had a couple of leaks.

Ex-Officio's Report:

Councilman, Gretchen Luke updated us on the following:

- Wish Walk Saturday 9/17/22; registration through Eventbrite.com
- Ward 3 Meeting 7/27/2022
- 3 bills on council agenda
 - Pan Handling
- Medical Marijuana Facility drive thru approved
- Charter Public Hearing August 30th from 7-9pm and September 28th from 5:30-7pm
- September 21st Council Meeting moved to September 28th from 5:30-7pm
 - Council will be finalizing the Charter changes, date TBD
- Mid-Year Budget Session on July 12th went very well
- Trash Bid- out for rebid
- Sunday, October 2nd: Ward 3 Picnic
- ATA martial art- Ladies Night Out, September 30th.
- Thursday, August 18th, Concert in the Park- Tim Cunningham
- Retired Police Lt. James Woody Woodland- passed away on July 14th
- Approved Room at the Inn to be an overnight shelter for woman and families

Staff Report:

-Tim Cunningham, August 18th, at 7:00pm

-Bio Life Sponsor, have a booth set up at last 2 concerts

-Boards and Commissions Dinner, Thursday September 29th at 6:00pm.

Chair Report: Nancy Haug discussed the clothing issue at the outdoor pool.

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

Motion to adjourn by Maribeth Estep, seconded by Luke Brand, meeting adjourned at 7:03pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, **September 20th**, at the Recreational Center.