

PARKS BOARD MINUTES

Monday, October 3, 2022

5:00 p.m. – City Hall

The City of Madison Parks Board held its monthly meeting this 3rd day of October 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Parks Board President Carla Krebs. Other Board members in attendance were Phil Kahn, Jake Shockley and David Hertz. Also in attendance were: Parks Director, Matthew Woolard and Park's Secretary, Kim Eaglin.

Approval of Minutes

David made a motion to accept the minutes from the September meeting as distributed. Phil seconded the motion, all approved. Motion carried.

Claims Approval

Jake made a motion to accept the claims as presented. David seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

New Business

Matt announced and invited all to join us for Oak Hill Park's groundbreaking ceremony on Tuesday, October 11, at 5:30p.m. in Oak Hill Park. The new park will include new sidewalks, a shelter house, fencing, a basketball court & goals, corn-hole boards, a dog park, parking, and a playground. Fixed benches, trash cans and landscaping will also be included. Approximate completion date is spring 2023.

Matt next spoke on the Park fees for 2023. Fees will be discussed further at our Nov 7th meeting and voted on December 5th meeting. Fees will be posted online for all to consider. Doug Buckler, campground attendant, came forward and ask us to consider lowering the camping fees for weekdays. They need to be more marketable to draw crowds in. Weekends are fine and are almost always full.

Report of Park Officials

Matt presented Chad Ison's monthly report. Both of our tackle football teams have made it to the second round of the playoff. Flag football practices have begun for our 47 participants. Volleyball teams are forming this week. We have 64 girls this year. Youth basketball signups are active on Rec Desk. This year our park teams will be playing in the Gary VanWye league. We are accepting 4-6th grade teams from Shawe, Madison and Christian Academy schools. Monday night pickle ball has started at the Brown Gym. We have had 30 sign up so far. I attended the Senior Center Coalition of Indiana's regional conference this past week. I made several positive connections to help with initiatives for our senior center.

Matt presented his monthly report. He reported that our Campground revenue is up 15% from 2021. We are currently working on our offseason priority list. Hopefully, we can replace the roof on the bathhouse to eliminate leaking. We are also exploring the possibility of extending the riverfront sidewalk through the campground.

Matt spoke about Sunrise Golf Course next. We have 51 % paid rounds. We are also up \$600 in food & beverage. **He announced upcoming events:** October 15- Madison Boys Basketball; October 21- Courtney for Mayor Scramble and October 29- Madison boy's baseball. Superintendent's Revenge and The Backwards Scramble have been postponed until the spring of 2023.

Matt discussed improvements in Parks in general. Concrete pads have been poured to install new benches at John Paul Park; Pearl Park improvements are underway to help rehabilitate the deteriorating buildings.

Public Comments

Lisa Ferguson spoke about bring bike rentals to Madison. Other communities have had success with this. David Adams came forward thanking us for our work with the LWB&GC recently. He hopes we continue this good work.

Adjourn

With no additional business, Phil made a motion to adjourn. David seconded the motion, all approved. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting is Monday, November 7th @ 5:00pm in city hall.