

Park Board Meeting
July 20, 2020 – 7:00
Minutes

1. Roll Call: Renee Endicott, , Patrick Shourd, Jaime Devlin, Loey Knapp and Vicki Motley
Visitor: Bobby Sonsteng
2. Approval of Minutes:
 - Jaime Devlin moved to accept the minutes from the Oct. 9, 2019 and June 24, 2020 meetings. Patrick Shourd 2nd. Motion passed.
3. Clean Up Day Recap:
 - Bobby Sonsteng, Parks & Rec Director reported that there were 28 volunteers that collected 16 garbage bags full of garbage/weeds.
 - The chain link fence was removed and George will be removing the posts this week. They will be adding more cement parking barriers to keep vehicles out.
 - The news media was in town to report, which caught the eye of someone in the National Clean-Up program. Bobby will be talking to them on Thursday.
 - Everyone that participated was happy to be doing something positive for Town of Stevensville.
 - Vicki Motley suggested that Bobby contact Ray Smith about where we got the donation for supplies and food for past clean up days.
 - Bobby stated that there was money in the budget to do a Fall Cleanup day also.
4. Splash Deck:
 - The Civic Club/Project 59870 would like to do (2) Splash Decks. One at Lewis & Clark Park and one at Father Ravalli Park.
 - 20-30 kids need 500 square feet.
 - Lewis & Clark Park – 30x30, in the center to the south of Bear Mountain. Vicki said that the littles use that area for soccer in the Fall. Father Ravalli Park has the same issue. Bobby stated that additional infrastructure would be added at the time of the build so as to be able to expand in the future.
 - Renee Endicott suggested that there be a site evaluation for the possible areas.
 - Shade for the parents was also suggested, maybe separating the Skate Park from the Splash Deck.
 - Father Ravalli Park – Bobby discussed using the basketball area, as he hadn't seen much use. Vicki stated that the park is not used consistently, but the basketball courts are used.
 - Jaime reported that the survey that was sent for Project 59870 was where the two Splash Decks came from.
 - Discussion about having 1 Splash Deck was better than 2. It was discussed that an approximate cost is around \$78,000.
 - Water usage was discussed, and Bobby said that it was difficult to estimate the amount.
 - Renee Endicott stated that she felt they should spend the extra money for the recycled water filtration system. This would help cut down on the water usage.
 - Approximately 7 features, 1 large. Renee said that there were lots of choices and that it would help chose the features if there was a name for the Splash Deck. Bobby had thought about a trout theme, or a bear cub theme. It was decided that Bobby would send links to the park board members for them to chose their favorites, and then the features with the most likes would definitely make it through.

- The Splash Deck would be roughly for ages 2-12 years of age, but would probably be used with even older kids.
 - Vicki suggested that since the Park Board was recommending just 1 splash deck, maybe it could be bigger. It was also suggested that we go with approximately 1000 sq. feet.
 - Fence the splash deck using the pickets from Bear Mountain. There are approximately 135 left, that would be donated. This would also be an avenue for fund raising.
 - Vicki also suggested that the little end be farther away from the Skate Park.
5. Community Programs for August 2020
- a. Youth Summer Programming –
 - i. Wednesday Nature Walks – 4 weeks – they would look for noxious weeds, learn to skip rocks, plant identification, etc. Bobby would utilize the Pool Staff to help after the pool closes. Bobby would use a long rope with 6 ft. distances being marked off. These would probably run from 10 to 1.
 - 1. River Park
 - 2. Refuge
 - 3. Visitors Center
 - 4. River Park
 - ii. Ideas – Mindfulness Yoga – park Bobby felt that he would have no problem with running this type of yoga
 - iii. Arts Camp – Bob Ross inspired. The kids would make a frame, and they would be given a canvas and sent out into the park to draw their view of the park. They could use crayons, markers, etc. Cheap fee.
 - All of these events would easily include social distancing.
 - b. Adult Summer Programming –
 - i. Yoga – Bobby has discussed with Blakely Bergman, in the park, to see if she might be interested in running an adult program 2 sessions for free. She was interested as long as she was able to hand out her business cards.

6. Adjourn

Vicki Motley
Secretary