Parks and Recreation Board Work Session Minutes City of Huber Heights August 19, 2021

- I. Chair Vincent King called the meeting to order at approximately 6:31 p.m.
- II. Present at the meeting: Vincent King, Chair, Bryan Detty, Vice Chair, Chris Hall, Alex Black, Sydney Smith, Matt Teague, Glenn Pottenger, Blake Herstine

Members Absent: Denis Snider, Ron Eifert

Staff Present: Josh King, Parks Manager, City of Huber Heights & Chris Lindeman, Executive Director, YMCA at the Heights

III. Opening Remarks

1. Mr. King had none at this time.

IV. Citizen's Comments

1. None

V. Old Business

1. Parks Manager Update

- a. Council will vote on Monday to put the pump track and perimeter skills tracks at Monita Fields with the skate park. The bicycle skills track will not be happening at all due to layout and space issues.
- b. Fields at Monita will worked on for next year as there is a group that would like to sign a long-term lease.
- c. Farmer's Market still going strong this season.
- d. Five concerts left for the season and a couple of movies remaining as well.
- e. September meeting will be a townhall meeting focused on Dial Park about the use of it and amenities needed to serve the community.

2. YMCA at the Heights Update

- a. As of Wednesday, August 11th, we have seen 23,246 daily passes sold at the Kroger Aquatic Center this season. We have sold a total of 371 memberships for the year with members scanning 7,333 times this season. We have a total of three resident/member days a week (Sunday, Monday, and Wednesday).
- b. Strong Kids Triathlon was held on Saturday, August 7th at the Kroger Aquatic Center. We had 240 kids ranging from the age 5 to 12. It was a very successful event, and we look forward to hosting again next year in August.

c. We have a total of 477 shelter rentals through August 12, 2021. August is full across the park system for the weekends this month. Our next available shelter at Cloud Park is September 12th. The board may need to look at adding additional shelters as there is demand for the outside spaces in the system.

VI. New Business

- 1. Eichelberger Amphitheater Playground
 - a. Mr. Josh King presented the board with playground plans for the amphitheater.
 - b. Board members gave their choices and the list will be narrowed down to three choices that will fit into the space available.

2. Maintenance List

- a. The board worked through the maintenance list and talked about what priorities are in the parks system to get fixed, replace, or repaired.
- b. There are a total of 58 items on the list.
- c. The list will be shared with council as well, so they can see the recommendations from the board.

3. Programming

- a. The board talked about a pet parade with more details to come next month.
- b. Mr. Vince King is working with the A & B committee to work on more programming in the parks and should have a list at the next meeting.

VII. Additional Business and Announcements

- 1. Mr. King had received some feedback on the NextDoor app about allowing pony rides in the parks during the weekends. Also, feedback talked about amenities in the parks that are on maintenance list or the priority list currently.
- 2. Parking lot improvements at Belle Plain Park are paying off with increased usage of the lot.
- 3. Mr. Vince King put in a request to address city council with a board update at next week's work session.

VIII. Approval of Minutes

1. Meeting Minutes from June 17, 2021, will be voted on at the September meeting.

IX. <u>Upcoming Meetings</u>

1. September 16, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

X. **Adjournment**

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Vincent King, Chair

Chris Lindeman, Y at the Heights, Executive Dir.