

**Parks and Recreation Board
Work Session Minutes
City of Huber Heights
May 19, 2022**

- I. Chair Vincent King called the meeting to order at approximately 6:33 p.m.
- II. Present at the meeting: Vincent King, Chair, Alex Black, Vice Chair Bryan Detty, Christopher Hall, Dennis Snider, and Ron Eifert

Members Absent: Matt Teague, Glenn Pottenger, Blake Herstine, Sydney Smith

Staff Present: Josh King, Parks Manager, City of Huber Heights

- III. **Opening Remarks**

- 1. None

- IV. **Citizen's Comments**

- 1. A citizen had a concern about a walking path connector being behind her house and cutting away brush in the new Dial Park. The issue was resolved.
 - 2. Citizen asked for name plates for members.

- V. **Old Business**

- 1. YMCA at the Heights Update

- a. Reserved 225 shelters in the parks system. June is filled up with rentals.
 - b. Instructors are in place for community group exercise classes on Saturday mornings at the Eichelberger Amphitheater. Classes start at 9:00 am.
 - c. Kroger Aquatic Center passed its health inspection and will open on Saturday, May 28th.

- 2. Parks Manager Update

- a. Eichelberger Amphitheater playground should be finished this week.
 - b. Community Park playground as well next week. Its only half of the playground as we are awaiting word on the grant from the Christopher Reeves Foundation on the handicap swing.
 - c. 2022 Music Series kicks off in two weeks. 12 shows this season with three shows each month.

3. Programming

- a. Earth Day Results: 60 to 70 people throughout the day. Community gardens were cleaned up and Mr. Herstine did a survey of participants to find out what they wanted to see at the Community Center. Mr. Vince King will send out the results to the board members.
- b. Star Spangled Celebration Volunteers: Board members were asked to volunteer at the Star-Spangled Celebration.
- c. October Event: The boards of the city are working together to try and offer a family fall event

VI. New Business

1. Falls Creek Park Renaming

- a. The board discussed the ability of naming parks and how the city would be going about in the future in the renaming of parks within the system. They also discussed the memorial program in parks and how city residents could be memorialized.

2. Memorial Tree Program

- a. Mr. Josh King reached out to the city of Vandalia to see what their memorial tree program looks like for their parks. Mr. King has a wholesale list of trees that can be purchased by the families and planted by the city. Also, memorial benches are also being looked at for memorials in the parks.
- b. A final draft of the procedure will be presented to the board at the June meeting.

VII. Additional Business and Announcements

- 1. Farmer's Market is going well with good attendance.
- 2. June 25th: Multicultural Festival, July 2nd: Star-Spangled Banner, September 10th: Marigold Festival
- 3. June 11th: Grand Opening at Monita Field Bike Park

VIII. Approval of Minutes

- 1. Meeting Minutes from April 21, 2022 were approved as written.

IX. Upcoming Meetings

- 1. June 16, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

X. Adjournment

1. Meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.



Vincent King, Parks & Recreation Chair



Chris Lindeman, YMCA at the Heights, Executive Dir.



Date



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