



Newton Park Board Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2018

City Hall-Council Chambers

1. Call to order 6:15 pm
2. Roll Call
 - a. Present: Humphrey, Jackson, Klier, Vandall
 - b. Absent: Price
3. Approve Minutes from 1-17-18
 - a. Motioned by: Vandall, 2nd Klier
 - b. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0
4. Brian Laube – Update on July 4th Activities
 - Brian updated Park Board members on fundraising efforts letting them know we have raised \$7816.54 to date. He also noted that per Finance Department the City is unable to set out donation boxes and use a GoFundMe page. He asked if Park Board would be willing to reach out to the Friends of Newton Parks group to see if they would help with this. Melanie Humphrey said she would reach out to them and let us know.
 - Brian told the Park Board that bounce houses had been reserved for the day that included workers to staff them from 4:30 – 8:30 pm. He also said that Faculty Lounge had been approved to provide the entertainment from 5:30 to 8:30 pm and let them know that we had spoken with the fireworks company about moving the site where the fireworks are lit and have found a new location further to the east. Adam Vandall asked if more new housing would cause us to not have fireworks at Agnes in the future. Brian Laube noted this would not be a problem since we have ample space to move far enough away from the houses.
 - Melanie Humphrey asked if Amanda Price had spoken with Hy-Vee about taking \$1 donations at the registers. Lisa Bernal replied we haven't heard from her yet about that.
5. Brian Laube – Update on Summer Concert Series
 - Brian Laube let the Park Board know that the Summer Concerts have been approved by City Council. The first concert will take place on 5/31/18 and continue every Thursday until 8/2/18 with 7/5/18 as a no concert date since it falls right after July 4th.
 - Melanie questioned if our concert series would be hurt by the bigger acts performing at Quarry Springs. Brian Laube responded that we would look into increasing the concert budget in future years, but the proposed FY-19 budget was unchanged.

- Brian Laube also said we were exploring the possibility of having concessions available during concerts and would utilize pool concession workers to walk around selling bottles of water, soda and popcorn. Adam Vandall questioned if City wanted to take on the risk of providing workers or if it would be better to have vendors or food trucks available. Brian replied that we have discussed this, but we're likely going to utilize pool concessions and seasonal workers who would be working anyway.
- Brian Laube also commented that for the Damon Dotson performance on August 2nd we would provide an alternate rain location and utilize the Newton Community Theatre for a back-up. He noted that Damon Dotson required this in the performance contract since their schedule is tight and were more likely to not be able to reschedule due to weather.

6. Brian Laube – Update on Parks Projects and Budget

- Brian Laube stated that pending approval of the proposed budget and bond votes by City Council, we would be purchasing 12 new golf carts this year since our golf cart lease was up and it is more cost effective to own rather than rent them. He also stated that in the future they will try to budget for a handful of golf carts to be replaced annually.
- Pending approval of the proposed budget and bond votes by City Council, Brian Laube stated that he will seek proposals to rehab both waterslides at Maytag Pool after the 2018 season is over, and for the project to be completed prior to the 2019 season.
- Pending approval of the proposed budget and bond votes by City Council, Brian also noted that we will be purchasing a trailer for the mower, new greens mower and new blower. Adam Vandall asked about an estimated cost for this equipment. Per Jody Rhone we do not have a breakdown of the cost currently since they were all lumped together with the other bond issue items.
- Using money in the current budget, Brian Laube said they would be continuing to work on ADA improvements and sidewalks at Agnes Patterson leading to the new restroom. He was hopeful they would complete by July but it may be a little bit of an inconvenience for ball players this season.
- Jody Rhone said the lower steps leading down to the Maytag Pool entrance will be reconstructed this spring. Brian Laube noted this was out to bid currently and expected to be complete this spring.
- Brian Laube also noted the Rotary bench project is currently out to bid with the plan to have it completed prior to NHS Graduation.

7. Old Business

- None

8. New Business

- None

9. Adjourn: 6:33pm

- Adjourn Regular Meeting
 - a. Motioned by: Vandall, 2nd: Jackson
 - b. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0