

Columbia City Park Board Minutes

March 18, 2013

The Columbia City Parks Board met in regular session with the following members present:

Park Board Secretary Mauri Bordner

Park Board Member Dennis Warnick

Park Board Member Keith Nickolson

Members Absent:

Park Board President Mark Ellis

Park board Vice President Terry Baker

After reviewing the minutes of the February 25, 2013 meeting, Dennis Warnick made a motion, which is seconded by Keith Nickolson, to accept the minutes as submitted. On the call of the vote, all voted aye.

Mark Green, Park Superintendent, introduced Teresa Ladd for an update on the Park Pavilion renovation. Teresa stated the bathrooms were started on March 13th and several issues were presented due to the depth of the concrete floor. Ladd stated, removal of the sidewalk on the north side of the pavilion will start tomorrow and power will be restored by Wednesday. The roof is completed and does not leak anymore, Teresa informed the Park Board.

Mauri Bordner suggested the tree on the north-west corner of the pavilion leans towards the new area under construction and needs to be addressed on whether it is hollow inside or needs to be removed.

Mark informed the Park Board the bathroom for back at the pond is ordered and will arrive in approximately 60 days. Green stated the buildings will arrive completely built, and will be set-off the truck on the site already prepared. Mark stated Wigent Excavating will then complete the sewer hook-ups.

Park Superintendent Green reported he applied for a Grant from Group Dekko for money to pay for Engineering and Consulting for the Aquatics Facility. Mark stated he has a meeting on Friday March 22 with Group Dekko to talk about the Grant.

Mark Green reported the Park employees have completed the remodeling of the concession stand at Devol Field. Green stated concessions stands will be open at the ball games. Dennis Warnick inquired if dusk-to-dawn light could be installed at that building.

Park Board Member, Keith Nickolson, gave an update on the softball program. Nickolson stated the softball evaluation is Saturday, March 23. Melinda and Keith met with Steve Cox to open-up communication with the Park and High School and will have a meeting in the near future with Geoff Penrod. Nickolson stated softball numbers are about the same as last year. Keith stated opening day for baseball and softball will be April 27 with the parade starting at 3:30pm.

Mark Green stated the numbers for baseball are about the same as the previous year. Green also informed the board that baseball had two free clinics taking place on Sundays for all leagues. Mark stated players and parents felt it was a great clinic.

Superintendent Mark Green stated the property adjacent to the park on south side of US 30 is up for sale. Mayor Ryan Daniel stated the land is land-locked and part of a wetland. The Park Board and Mayor Daniel instructed Mark to investigate further the possibility of future development of Morsches Park property.

The next meeting will be April 15, 2013.

All business was discussed, the Board adjourned.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Andrea Pequignot, Administrative Assistant Parks Department.