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### **Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Monday May 13, 2024**

**Present:** Kim Pearson, Catherine Witsman, Bryan Burney, Susie Highley, Megan Brewer

**Absent:** Branden Williams, Justin Bastin

**Also Present:** Tim Gropp, Niki Jones

Meeting called to order at 6:01pm by Ms. Pearson.

#### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Highley motioned to approve the January 2024 meeting minutes. Ms. Brewer seconded. Passed 3/0.

There was not a quorum to approve the March 2024 meeting minutes.

Ms. Highley motioned to accept the meeting minutes to record due to changes in the board. Ms. Brewer seconded. Passed 3/0.

#### **Old Business**

##### **Park Director**

Mr. Gropp informed the board that the Town received 22 applications for the Parks Director position, 6 were interviewed and 3 candidates went on to a second and third round of interviews.

Mr. Stanley Wilson, Jr. was chosen as McCordsville's new Parks & Recreation Director and will start on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

##### **Old School Park – Budget, Timeline, and Final Equipment Decision**

Mr. Gropp informed the board that the budget for Phase 1 of the renovations at Old School Park were 1.2 million dollars. The estimate given by contractors was 1.787 million with contingencies, which will in the end be a lower amount due to a co-op discount on the playground equipment. He further explained that by combining storm water improvement projects on Hanna Street, along with various grants, bonds and additional funds, the project will be covered.

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Mr. Gropp explained that there were timing issues regarding construction of the new playground equipment and the new rubberized surfacing and when it would be best for demolition and construction to begin. The rubberized surfacing needs to be installed at a certain outdoor temperature consistently for a period of time.

The RFP has been published and bids are due on June 4<sup>th</sup> which will be read at the Public Works meeting.

### **New Business**

#### **Cars & Coffee and Market in McCordsville Update**

Ms. Jones informed the board that these two events were to debut this coming weekend on May 19<sup>th</sup>. The Market in McCordsville has over 54 vendors registered for this first event, which surpassed the number that attended at Party in the Park last year. She also asked for volunteers to help with these events.

### **Public Comment**

New residents joined the meeting and had questions regarding activities. Mr. Gropp explained that Ms. Jones oversaw the Town's programming and events and that the Town was in the process of obtaining a community center. More programs and activities will be added in the future. Ms. Witsman explained that the library also has activities in and outside of the library for the community. Ms. Jones also added that the library does bring community events to McCordsville at Town Hall.

### **Next Meeting**

June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 6:00pm

Ms. Witsman thanked the board and community for allowing her to serve on the board and looking forward to the future of the Parks Department. Mr. Gropp stated that there will be opportunities for input and participation from the community for future developments and committees and requested Ms. Witsman to be involved. The board thanked Ms. Witsman for her service.

### **Adjourn**

Ms. Highley motioned to adjourn. Ms. Brewer seconded and passed 3/0.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:16pm.

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## **Minutes Approval**

These May 13th, 2024, Parks and Recreation Board Meeting minutes approved this 10th day of June 2024.

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Kim Pearson, Parks and Recreation Board President

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Niki Jones, Recording Secretary