

# McCordsville

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### Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Monday March 11, 2024

**Present:** Kim Pearson, Justin Bastin, Catherine Witsman, Bryan Burney

**Absent:** Megan Brewer, Susie Highley

**Also Present:** Tim Gropp, Niki Jones, Ashtan Bennett – Vernon Township Public Library

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

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

Approval of minutes to be pushed to next meeting due to board member attendance.

#### **Old Business**

##### **Park Director Status**

Mr. Gropp advised that the posting of the Parks Director position would be posted the next day and would consist of a process to find the correct candidate. The board suggested ideas to amend the Parks Director job description and where the job would be posted.

Mr. Burney and Mr. Gropp advised the board that the Town is in the process of having a new website created and it will assist the Parks department with things such as rental/facility reservations and programming.

#### **New Business**

##### **Request to waive fees for Old School Park Ball Diamond in 2024**

Discussion was had regarding suspending the baseball field reservation fees due to the upcoming demolition and construction for the renovations at the park. The board agreed to suspend registration and fees for 2024 and the field would be first come, first served and at your own risk.

##### **Market in McCordsville/Party in the Park Vendor Fees – Employees & Family**

The board agreed that town employees and their families participating in these events shall not be exempt from the vendor fees.

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### Removing StoryWalk at Old School Park during construction

Ms. Jones stated that StoryWalk will be in the way during construction so the signs will need to be removed and that their current condition was deteriorating. The signs will need to be stored during the construction and hopefully StoryWalk can be reestablished at the park or moved to the proposed park by the new NineStar building next to McCord Square.

Ms. Bennett from the Vernon Township Public Library discussed future ideas on how to improve StoryWalk by making it more interactive and accessible using Enviro-signs.

### Old School Park Playground Equipment Recommendations

Mr. Gropp explained the different phases of construction at Old School Park and showcased options for new playground equipment, restroom facilities and a new shelter for phase 1. The board discussed the different options available and rearranging placement of each of the amenities.

### Youth Sports Park Study

Mr. Gropp asked for board discussion regarding preliminary planning for the future of a youth sports park that would feature baseball diamonds and multi-use fields for football, soccer, and other sports to fulfill the community's needs.

Mr. Gropp stated that several analyses would need to be conducted and meetings held with the school district and community stakeholders.

### Public Comment

None.

### Next Meeting

May 13th, 2024, at 6:00pm

### Adjourn

Mr. Bastin motioned to adjourn. Ms. Witsman seconded and passed 3/0.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.

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### Minutes Approval

These March 11th, 2024 Parks and Recreation Board Meeting minutes approved this 13th day of May 2024.

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Kim Pearson, Parks and Recreation Board President

Attest:   
Niki Jones, Recording Secretary