

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Monday May 8, 2023

Present: Kim Pearson, Branden Williams, Catherine Witsman, Justin Bastin, Mary Harmon,

Susie Highley **Absent:** None.

Also Present: Tim Gropp, Ryan Crum, Chuck Lehman, Niki Jones

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Mr. Bastin moved to approve the March 2023 meeting minutes. Ms. Witsman seconded and passed 5/0.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Park Impact Fee Study Update – Presentation

Chuck Lehman of Lehman & Lehman explained how Park Impact Fees function and how to estimate and forecast future needs of the community and infrastructure. He further explained McCordsville's collection history, residential growth projections and forecasts of a ten-year population to be about 22,209. Mr. Lehman informed the board of the town's current park inventory and the current park land deficiencies.

Mr. Lehman explained that the proposed Park Impact Fee would help to acquire the land needed to fulfill the current park land deficiencies. (See attached presentation slides, pages 19-21.) He added that this proposal would also be brought before the Plan Commission and Town Council for a first reading and again for approval with a formal public hearing at the Plan Commission meeting.

Ms. Highley moved to recommend to Town Council and Plan Commission a new Park Impact Fee of \$1534.00. Ms. Witsman seconded and passed 5/0.



Path to Fitness 5K

Mr. Gropp advised that fundraising is a bit behind, but everything is moving forward nicely. He presented the proof of the 2023 logo and medal from Ninestar. The logo will be used on the t-shirts as well. The medals will be a bit smaller and the lanyards will be a bit larger to accommodate requests from last year.

Racemaker will be managing the race while the town will be taking care of fundraising, t-shirts and logistics.

Mr. Gropp presented the Racemaker quote which includes the bibs with sponsors on it, traffic cones for the race, management workers, the inflatable start and finish line, DJ equipment and redesigning of the course. The cost of race logistics from Racemaker is \$2,831.50.

Ms. Highly moved to execute contract with Racemaker in the amount of \$2,831.50. Mr. Bastin seconded and passed 5/0.

Summer Party Event

Ms. Jones explained that sponsor and vendors were slowly starting to come in, with Southwark Metal being the main sponsor with a \$2,500 sponsorship. She will be actively asking more local businesses and artisans if they would like to participate as well using social media and canvassing to spread the word.

The Party in the Park Summer Event will take place on the evening of Saturday, August 19th from 6pm-9pm, which is the same day as the 5K that will take place earlier in the morning. The event will feature an axe throwing trailer, an outdoor movie on a LED screen, face painters, balloon artists, caricature artist, an 80ft long inflatable obstacle course, a small jump house for smaller children, a DJ as well as food available for purchase from food trucks. There will hopefully be many vendors showcasing their services and items for purchase as well.

Crew Carwash Fundraising Event

Mr. Gropp explained that Crew Carwash held their grand opening celebration the previous Friday and Saturday and gave free Ultimate Carwashes (a \$22 value) for a donation towards the Building A Brighter McCordsville Fund that benefits McCordsville parks. Mr. Gropp, along with Councilman Dr. Bryan Burney attended the event for a couple hours as well and stated that it was well attended. Crew will be donating the funds raised in the form of a check to the fund. At this time, the final amount is not known but an update will be sent as soon as possible.



Rental Changes Update

Mr. Gropp explained to the board that more damages were being sustained due to parties in the Community Room and is the reason why the change to not allow parties in the community room going further. It will only be used for HOA meetings, seminars, and town events.

He went on to explain that there was backlash received regarding the reservation fees of the ball field at Old School Park. In response to that, we are trying to accommodate the teams as much as possible while still staying compliant with the new ordinance. This may result in changes for next year.

Invoices

Lehman and Lehman Invoice 23-027 & Lehman & Lehman 23-018

Ms. Highley moved to pay Lehman & Lehman invoices 23-027 and 23-018 in the amounts of \$6471.49 and \$10,050.00.

Ms. Witsman seconded and passed 5/0.

Public Comment

None.

Next Meeting

July 10, 2023, at 6:00pm

Adjourn

Mr. Bastin motioned to adjourn. Ms. Harmon seconded and passed 5/0.



Minutes Approval

The May 8th, 2023 Parks and Recreation Board Meeting minutes approved this 10th day of July 2023.

Kim Pearson, Parks and Recreation Board President

Niki Jones, Recording Secretary