

**ELLISVILLE PARKS & RECREATION
PARK BOARD MEETING
Monday, January 24, 2022**

Park Director Blumer called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

Park Board Members Present: PBM G. Sackett, PBM E. Laboube, PBM J. Powell, PBM J. Mueller, PBM C. Murner, PBM C. Slota

City Residents Present: Benjamin Kay

Park Board Members Absent: PBM J. Merkle, PBM G. Zuzack

CHANGES TO AGENDA: NONE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Park Director L. Blumer asked for a vote to approve the Agenda. PBM G. Sackett 1st – PBM J. Powell 2nd – All “AYE” by voice

CHANGES TO MINUTES: NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

No minutes from October 25, 2021 Meeting due to a lack of quorum

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

A. Introduction of New Park Board Member – Emily Laboube

B. 2022 Activity Guide

The 2022 Activity Guide is currently in the mail on its way to resident’s homes. The Ellisville Parks Department puts out an activity guide every year at the end of January that includes all of the facilities, special events, and programs put on by the Parks and Recreation Department. Some items include all information pertaining to the EDGE Aquatic Center such as hours, daily admission and membership rates, as well as programs offered there including swim lessons and swim team. The guide will also cover all smaller programs and special events throughout the year. Registration for all programs and special events is available online at ellisville.recdesk.com, over the phone, or in person at the Parks Administration Building. PBM G. Sackett asked is there was any increase in fees this year. Park Director L. Blumer informed the park board that the decision on Aquatic Center fees is made by the city council, which was to keep membership rates the same as 2021. Other programs and some special events will see a slight raise in fees this year though.

C. 2022 Park and EDGE Maintenance Projects

Park Director Blumer informed the park board of the 2022 Park and EDGE Maintenance Projects. The tennis courts in Bluebird Park will be resurfaced and restriped this year. This project will likely take place in August which is in between the summer and fall sessions of Tennis lessons. Phase 2 of the Amphitheater project will also take place this year. Scott Emmelkamp with Planning Design Studio will talk about this project as well as improvements to Bobwhite park later in the meeting. The EDGE Aquatic Center will also see some maintenance projects this year including repainting of the entire pool. 2022 will also see the 2nd phase of Bluebird Park Parking lot improvements. This will consist of repairing and an overlay of the asphalt parking lot. This parking lot gets a lot of use especially in the summer time. This project will likely happen in the fall in coordination with the Amphitheater project.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Amphitheater Project Status – Scott Emmelkamp – PDS

Landscape Architect, Scott Emmelkamp with Planning Design Studio presented the Amphitheater project status to the Park Board along with other members from PDS, Scott Talbert and Johnathon Corbett. Phase 1 of the Amphitheater project was completed last year. This phase was the roof structure over the Amphitheater stage. Phase 2 of this project will focus on seating areas and improving accessibility. Features that will be added include upper and lower level accessible wall terrace seating, addressing the sound mixing area, addition of a plaza area at the top of the hill, and reduce the slope on paths to the bottom of the hill to improve accessibility. The Budget of this project is 420,000. Planning design studio's remaining timeline of this project includes; taking surveys in February 2022, Development of bid documents March-July 2022, and bidding in August 2022.

NEW BUSNIESS:

A. Bobwhite Park Planning Grant- Scott Emmelkamp – PDS

Landscape Architect, Scott Emmelkamp also talked to the Park Board about the planning grant that is currently being worked on for improvements to Bobwhite park. This plan consists of consolidating active play park features, adding a picnic shelter, perimeter trail, shade trees, a new play area, and some possible on street parking on Salem Way. This project is still in planning stages. There will be a public meeting in the park in March 2022 to collect thoughts and opinions of the public. Planning Design Studio will take this feedback into consideration when continuing to develop the plan for the park. With the current timeline, planning design studios plans to have the final master plan completed by June 2022 so that the City is able to apply for the grant in August of 2022. Park Director Blumer let the park board know that they are welcome to come to the public meeting at the park in March. The Park board was also invited to attend the first meeting with planning design studios on February 4th.

B. Spring Park Tour

Park Director Blumer stated the park board usually takes a tour of parks and trails in Ellisville about twice a year. This has been difficult the past couple of years with the pandemic. Blumer stated that she would send out an email to the park board with some possible dates in April for a spring park or trails tour. The last tour was of active parks, so this tour may consist of some of the trails.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

Park Director L. Blumer asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. PBM C. Slota moved to adjourn and the motion was seconded by PBM G. Sackett All "AYE" by voice. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting will be Monday, April 25, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Meghan Mollet, Recreation Specialist
Date: January 25, 2022