

**MINUTES OF THE
MALVERN PARK BOARD
JULY 19, 2017
5:30 P.M.**

**The meeting on July 19, 2017, was called to order by Chairman Barrett at 5:30 p.m.
Roll call: Jill Smith and Marsha Williams.**

Absent: James Asselin

**Visitor: Mayor Michael Blackburn, Council member Bruce Breeding, Joshua Dasovich,
Kevin Willms, and Katie Riibe, Pool Manager**

Also present: Deputy Clerk, Kathy Anderson

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Barrett at 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Barrett is stepping down to vote.

Williams motioned to approve the agenda. Smith seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Smith motioned to approve the minutes of June 13, 2017. Williams seconded. All ayes.
Motion carried.**

**Nominations for the Park Board seat with the term expiring on December 31, 2017, were
discussed.**

Barrett reported there were two (2) people who expressed interest in becoming a member.

**Smith motioned to appoint Dave Hoose as Park Board member pending City Council
approval. Williams seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**The painting of the pool mural was discussed. Pool manager Riibe reported that the pool
employees will be painting the mural. The employee pool party will be held on July 24,
2017. The mural will be painted in the evenings after the pool closes for the day. Children
in the community are welcome to attend to assist.**

The work day for the picnic table assembly was discussed.

**Williams motioned to set July 25, 2017, at 1 p.m. at the City Shop with all Park Board
members to assist with the assembly of the new picnic tables for Boehner Pond. Smith
seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**Playground installation at Boehner Pond was discussed. Due to possible upcoming
additions, it was discussed to wait until fall to install.**

**Williams motioned to table setting the date to install the playground equipment until the
October 2017 meeting. Smith seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.**

The REAP grant for a walking trail and shower house at Boehner Pond was discussed. Deputy Clerk Anderson explained that Southwest Iowa Planning Council will be submitting the grant for the Park Board. The walking trail will tie to the Wabash Trace. The shower house will be a great addition to the campground for the bicyclists that currently camp at the park.

Barrett is working with a general contractor to obtain initial costs and will submit the bid to the Deputy Clerk within the week. Upon receiving the bid, this will need City Council approval at their meeting on August 7, 2017, before submission to Southwest Iowa Planning Council. The deadline to submit is August 15, 2017.

Mr. Kevin Willms asked how many bids are needed and was this advertised.

Mayor Michael Blackburn stated only one (1) bid is needed for the grant. If awarded, bids would be sought for the project. The possibility to acquire the parcel of land that separates the park and the Trace would be an asset and allow riders to take better notice of the park and the amenities.

Smith stated the shower house would attract riders and campers, thereby increasing the usage of the Park. The walking trail around the pond would attract the citizens that walk as well.

The Mills County Foundation/Costello grant was discussed.

Mayor Blackburn asked the Park Board to utilize this grant opportunity to apply for the pool. A new deck needs to be installed. New and improved lifeguard chairs would be added as well.

It was discussed installing a splash pad where the baby pool is presently located. This would not be feasible due to limited space.

Williams asked if the structure is worth investing so much money for items such as new decking and painting the exterior.

Mayor Blackburn reported the pool is structurally sound and the leaks have been repaired. A new deck on the pool will be a much-needed improvement.

Council member Breeding agrees with the ideas presented for Boehner Pond and the swimming pool with the understanding some of the projects will have to be completed in phases.

Smith stated the outside of the pool will need to be repainted next spring.

Mayor Blackburn informed the Park Board any time they are sponsoring an event, they can take monies out of their budget to help defray costs rather than one (1) individual paying for the event.

Williams discussed placement of a sand volleyball court. She asked the board members to think about this for the future. It would offer an opportunity for another activity for people.

Katie Riibe – Pool Manager Report

Katie would like to place a water mushroom in the baby pool and purchase several basket ball hoops with the Williams donation.

Williams will talk to Larry Williams about these purchases and inform Katie of the decision.

Mock drowning class was held.

The pool has been busy and concessions are doing good.

The pool will close on August 20, 2017 for the season due to school starting August 21, 2017, but will be open the weekend of August 26 & 27th and September 2nd & 3rd only.

The outside lights have been repaired again.

Park Updates:

Boehner Pond – Steve Barrett:

Barrett will set a time to meet with Josh Dasovich to discuss installation of the sidewalk for the jetty and for the handicap pad for the 1st RV site.

Thank you to the Street Department for installing the crushed asphalt around the drive and parking area.

Boehner Park – Marsha Williams:

Shane Sayers will be starting on the field. His goal is to seed this fall so it will be ready for spring practice and games.

Heritage Park – Jill Smith:

No new updates to report.

T &N Park – Jim Asselin:

Absent- No new updates to report

Paddock Park – Jill Smith:

No new updates to report.

Swimming Pool –

Upon Council approval- Dave Hoose will be over the pool.

Recreation Park – Marsha Williams:

The park will be reseeded this fall.

It was asked if board member Asselin is locking and unlocking the gates to the basketball court every day.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2017.

Park Board member comments regarding nonagenda items.

No comments were made.

Smith motioned to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Chairman, Steve Barrett

Deputy Clerk, Kathy Anderson