

City of North Vernon Parks and Recreation Park Board

Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2022

Members Present: Bob Ertel, Denny Hatton, David Fox and Daymond Craddock

Guest: Chad Speer, Karl Knight and Nick Megal

The September 27, 2022 City of North Vernon Parks and Recreation Park Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Park Board President Bob Ertel.

A motion to approve the previous park board meeting minutes was made by David Fox and seconded by Daymond Craddock. Motion to approve the previous park board meeting minutes carried 4-0.

Director Speer presented to the Park Board information from the City Attorney in regards to awarding the concession contract. The City Attorney advised the Department that they can award the contract to whom they feel will do the best job regardless of proposals. David Fox made a motion to award the concession contract to Karl Knight and Nick Megal. The motion was seconded by Denny Hatton. Motion approved 4-0.

The Park Board started a review of amenities located at the City Park in comparison to the Five-Year Master Plan. Discussion of amenities included, increase in parking options, need and location of new restroom, location and size of 2–5-year-old playground equipment, pickleball courts, location and size of basketball courts. Parking Options – Board agreed that best option would be to look into expanding lot near and around the newly constructed soccer field towards the north. Restroom – Board will look into constructing a new restroom more centrally located in the area between the newly constructed soccer fields and right center field of Castetter Field. This would better serve the needs of patrons and reduce the number of buildings by one. Playground – The Board believes that the addition of 2–5-year-old playground equipment should be connected to the newly constructed playground equipment. Pickleball Courts – The area which the old pool sat, will be explored for construction of four courts, along with re configuring the tennis courts to allow for pickleball to be played on if needed for such events as tournaments. It is believed that U-4 soccer will be able to remain in its current location along with the pickleball courts. Basketball Courts – Board will look into availability of constructing two three quarter sized courts in the location of the asphalt court. The review of items will continue

In other business Bob Ertel asked that the Department contact Biehle Electric in regards to an updated user manual for Tripton as the software appears to have been updated and changed.

Motion to adjourn was made by David Fox at 7:45 Motion seconded by Denny Hatton. Motion carried 4-0.