

City of North Vernon Parks and Recreation

Park Board Minutes

May 3, 2021

Members Present: Bob Ertel, Tracy Eder, Denny Hatton and David Fox

Guest: Chad Speer

The May 3, 2021 Park Board Meeting was called to order by Board President Bob Ertel.

A motion to approve the previous meeting minutes was made by David and seconded by Denny. Motion to approve the previous meeting minutes carried 4-0.

The Park Board discussed the options of location for the City's Firework Celebration. There is some concern with the area in which the show is shot from due to the newly seeded soccer fields and the potential for damage to the area due to the show. The Board talked about preference would be to have the show at the City Park if possible, if not somewhere within the City and as a last option look into the Jennings County Fairgrounds. Director told the Board that he had spoken with the City Council about these possibilities. He also informed the Board that the Fire Chief and Police Chief have spoken against continuing to have the show at the City Park due to safety concerns of moving safety personal and equipment throughout the area. The Board agreed to review the situation and make a decision at the May 17, 2021 Park Board Meeting.

Director gave an update on the opening of the pool. Current plan is to open the Saturday before Memorial Day if enough staff is available due to high school graduation being that Saturday as well. Pool will start to be cleaned and filled in the coming days and should be up and running with two weeks.

Grant updates: coming up in a few weeks, a date has not been set, there will be a workshop for the Tactical Urbanism Grant. The Department has not received word on the Lowe's Hometown Grant. The board discussed the need to pursue options pertaining to playground equipment.

In other business the need to consider options of additional patrols at Tripton and the City Park was discussed. There have been a few comments on social media about needles being found and as well as park staff finding drug paraphernalia at Tripton. The department is still waiting on an estimate from Amerifence on the cost of damage done at Tripton Park. Camera's will start being installed this week in the pool area. The no dumping trash signs will be in this week to install to hopefully help eliminate illegal dumping. Hanover Parks and Recreation has contacted the Department about the possibility about teams baseball and softball teams from each league playing games against each other.

Claims signed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Denny at 7:30. Seconded by David. Meeting adjourned.