

Park Board Meeting, Monday, May 17, 2021

1. Call to Order. The Chillicothe Parks and Recreation Board met Monday, May 17, 2021 at 5:15 pm in City Council chambers. The meeting was called to order by President Eric Turner with the following in attendance: Director Josh Norris, Asst. Director Drew Hinton, Lou Cowherd, Mitchell Holder, Janice Shaffer, Eric Turner, Mayor Theresa Kelly and First Ward Councilman Reed Dupy. Third Ward Councilwoman Pam Jarding.
2. Approval of Previous Board Minutes - Mitchell moved that the minutes from the April 19, 2020 meeting be approved. Janice seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. Old Business
 - A. Simpson Park playground project - Though the weather pushed concrete crews back, they've been in and finished concrete pour on May 5 or 6. There is a ten day wait period. Installers should be here soon because of surfacing installation. There will be a three-day cure time for surface material. Once surface is down, the city will do soft opening. Street dept is ready to pour sidewalk. Section of bubble slide will need to be replaced due to concrete installer's error. Josh hates to not open playground until pieces are replaced. There is also a scratch in another section but the company thinks they can repair it. Josh is hopeful the installers will be very prompt with repairs. The big issue now is the weather.
 - B. Volunteer Groups

First Baptist will be in Simpson Park this coming Saturday for their community volunteer day; plan to paint shelter houses & stain tree carvings. Weather forecast doesn't look good so they may have to reschedule. Plan is to have two groups of 5-7 people which is a very good size.

Cornerstone Church will have 75 people working in the parks on Thursday, June 2, to do weed trimming, painting and staining; whatever needs to be done.

Having Drew be the point person with volunteers has been very helpful
4. New Business -
 - A. Director's Report

Josh reported that Chilli Bay now has water in main pool with chemicals in. Lazy River filled this week after painting & touch up. Training will occur for all next week including new guards on 5/24. Season passes are currently sold and pool reservations made at City Hall. Picture Day this week and next week, 1-3 pm, this weekend & next weekend at Chilli Bay.

Opening Day is Monday, May 31, Memorial Day.

CHS high school sports are finished up.

YMCA ball started last week.

Official opening was supposed to be tonight; postponed weather related.

So far Y is doing well with ball program; they seem receptive to trying new things.

Mudcats, at Shaffer Park, have June 2 opening night.

Street department did work there after CHS ball season and the park crew is working to get Shaffer ready.

Mulch spread last Tuesday @ Danner Park

Looking for solution on DP playground stairs next to big slide; still needs to be addressed.

Park crew helped Main Street place flower pots in front of businesses.

Seasonal workers are getting started; new one started today; next week will get out four more after school is out.

Word from Chillicothe Correctional Center - offender training for working in the city will be on May 25. Josh doesn't have the exact day they will come back.

Lots of area schools utilizing parks.

Calendar of events of upcoming events:

Y ball - opening week

First Baptist work day, this Saturday

Chilli Bay opening May 31

Cornerstone Church work day, June 2

Playground ribbon cutting will hopefully be in the next few weeks

Chilli Bay revenue is \$11, 230 with sales of early passes

Chilli Bay HOURS

Mon - Thurs 1-7 pm

Fri - Sun 1-6 pm

5. Financials - none

6. Questions and/or Comments

Eric Turner has served on the Parks Board for eight years and this was his last meeting. He expressed appreciation to Josh, his staff and city officials. A THANK YOU was expressed by all for Eric's eight years on the board.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 21, 2021 at 5:15 p.m.

Mitchell moved that the meeting be adjourned. Janice seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Cowherd

Secretary