

Chester Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes
February 9, 2021

Present: Terri, Travis, John, Sarah, Sam, Billy, Patti - majority present

November Minutes were delayed. Will be emailed to members and voted on at the next meeting.

Park Reports - No individual reports will be discussed in the meeting.

Sarah - Recreation Ball: Inquired as to how the registration fees were handled from last year due to COVID cancellation of the season. Vouchers (credit) was given for next year and refunds for those kids aged out.

Recreation Director - nothing at this time due to COVID restrictions. Patti is working on future programs and events.

Park Superintendent-

Cohen: Billy researched LED security lighting and is taking a proposal to the council for 12 security lights. They have been cleaning the fence lines out on the fields.

Cole: Started clearing the nature trail. Received disc golf baskets and signs. John suggested that there may be some steps and bridges to be considered. Billy stated that spots will be leveled and worked.

Bike Park - Meeting with ramp company. \$7500.00 was base level for onsite planning. What do we want? Be able to ride bikes and have ramps. Pump track. Dustin Eggemeyer, Brad Coleman are local enthusiasts. There is a call for a path. Start with features. Patti will reach out to Curt Schroeder and Ike Tressler to see if they would be willing to assist with equipment work if needed.

Home Tweet Home - More bird houses needed. John to bring up at MVAG meeting again. Sarah is the Home Tweet Home-Birdhouse Project Chairperson.

Flowering Vegetation in Cole Park - Travis looking into species. May reach Tom Gibbs at the County Lake.

Strategic Plan - The committee broke down sections of the plan and Patti will put it together.

Terri Hirte notified us that she will be resigning as a committee member but will still be available for helping with projects and events when needed. With Terri leaving we will now have 3 seats vacant on the committee. Patti stated members should think of people to invite in.

Focus assignments - Patti wants to know what we feel each member's strongest assets are and how they feel they can best support the committee.

Other Business - Chester will have a second Solar Eclipse visit, April 18, 2024. Patti has spoken with Mayor Page and there will be an Eclipse Task Force again. Members will include Patti Carter, Police Chief Bobby Helmers, Fire Chief Marty Bert, Chester Tourism Commission President Brenda Owen, Chester Emergency Management Coordinator Charlie Bargman, Jr., Park Superintendent Billy Belton, Chester Parks and Recreation Committee Vice President

Travis Lott, Chester Parks and Recreation Committee Sam Higgerson, Chester Maintenance Department Charlie Bargman Sr., and Website and Promotion Mike McClure.

The Task Force will work with other agencies, committees, commissions and groups to prepare and execute, safety, preparation and events leading up to and during the eclipse.

Patti stated that a county-wide task force was being formed.

With no other business before the committee, Travis made a motion to adjourn. Terri seconded. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Pro-Tem, John Reith.