

Chester Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
1330 Swanwick Street, Chester, Illinois 62233

April 12, 2022 6 p.m. City Hall

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm by Patti Carter.

Roll Call:

Member Name	Present	Absent
Higgerson, Sam		√
Hirte, Terri	√	
Powley, Collette	√	
Conway, Danielle		√
Dillman, Sara		√
Reith, John	√	
Meredith, Dean	√	
Vacant		
Billy Belton, Park Superintendent		√
Jay Allison, Park Superintendent	√	
Patti Carter, Recreation Director	√	
James Maes, Aldermanic Liaison		√

Guest: Mark Hostert

Shawna Franklin (late arrival)

Pledge of Allegiance was cited.

Minutes were not submitted so the Reading and Approval of Minutes of last meeting were table until next meeting.

Mark Hostert was present to discuss the disc golf course, tournament, and course at Cole Park.

He was recently appointed as an Ambassador to the Southern Illinois Disc Golf Association and has been gathering information from new sources.

This year we will host our second annual recreational disc golf tournament. The Cole Memorial Park Twilight Tournament will be held Saturday, October 15, 2022, start time is 4 pm. Registration will be at Shelter1. The singles tournament will be a 36 basket tournament-18 in light and 18 at night! It's a Glow Tournament!

Mark spoke about the addition of 9 baskets to our course. He will research, gather information and bring it to our board.

Mark is putting together some thoughts on assisting us with a summer clinic for kids.

Alderman Report-JD Maes: not present

Park Superintendent Report- Billy Belton: Ball is in full swing at Cohen.

Park Superintendent Report- Jay Allison: Jay discussed the cleanup, expansion and future plans with Cole Park.

Bicycle Path and Pedal Town: Patti explained that completion will resume as soon as the weather allows.

Home Tweet Home Birdhouse Project: Dean put 2 of the house kits together and decorated them. He said they were fairly easy to construct. We will work on setting a date for a bird house building event this summer.

Wildlife Vegetation Report-John Reith: John and Jay are looking into options.

Recreation League-Patti: We are in full swing at this time. Concessionaires are up and going and the rain just keeps creating issues.

Farmers Market-Patti: Mid-May to the Fall Festival. Registration packets and advertising will be going out this month.

Eclipse Committee-Patti: We are forming the committee to begin our planning process.

Fall Festival-Patti: Plans are underway and we expect to offer another great weekend.

Christmas on the River-Patti: no report

Shawna Franklin was present and discussed a few ideas that she has for recreation opportunities in the community. i.e.: Masquerade Ball, May Pole Dance, Adult Prom, etc.

She is interested in working with our board. Patti will reach out to her to discuss.

Sarah Roth submitted her resignation. She states that she wants to remain on as a committee member and assist the group but with her work obligations she unavailable for most of the meetings. She wants to allow a voting member to have access to her seat.

John made a motion to adjourn and Terri seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Next meeting date is Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 6 pm at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Carter, Recreation Director