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**Cabot Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting**

August 21, 2018

Cabot Veterans Park Events Center

508 North Lincoln, Cabot, Arkansas 72023

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

John C. Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Present: John C. Thompson, Maggie Cope, Nick Whitaker, Greg Sled, Mike Burchfield, Eric Park

Absent: Matt Moudy

II. Minutes of Regular Meeting

The minutes from the regular meeting held July 17, 2018 were presented. **NICK WHITAKER MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF JULY 17, 2018 AS PRESENTED, SECOND BY GREG SLED. ALL VOTED AYE.**

III. Financials

July 2018 financials were discussed. Parks Director Travis Young discussed the July deferred maintenance costs associated with field clay. Additional clay is being added to the softball complex. Prospective expenditures associated with floor completion and new paint for the Veterans Park Community Center were discussed. Field/ light revenue has increased. Parks Director Young received funding for a wrestling mat via A & P. Memberships numbers yield consistently high results. Aquatic Park revenue remains positive. **NICK WHITAKER MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE JUNE 2018 FINANCIALS AS PRESENTED, SECOND BY MIKE BURCHFIELD. ALL VOTED AYE.**

IV. Programs

Programs Director Lorenzo Mendoza presented for programs. Fall registrations for youth soccer, baseball, softball, and volleyball ended 8/20/2018. Late registrations are ongoing. Soccer registrations yielded the highest registration numbers. Comparisons of Fall 2017 registration numbers and Fall 2018 were presented.

Sports	Fall 2017	Fall 2018
Soccer	434	515
Baseball	234	289
Softball	N/A	114
Volleyball	165	175

Early bird wrestling registrations have ended. Early bird wrestling registrations yielded 11 signees; highest numbers in first 7 days of wrestling registration history at Parks. Basketball

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dates are being finalized. Projected football opening gate day: 9/15/18. Flag football to provide dates for end of the year tournament. Cabot Youth Cheer has ongoing registrations. Recreational Programmer Dustin Simpson was introduced. Dustin Simpson started at the end of June 2018 at Parks and Recreation. He will be over the CPR baseball and softball programs.

Travis Hudson presented for football. Registrations are ongoing. CYFA partnered with D 1 to host a camp on 8/18/18. Opening day is 9/15/18. Jamboree/ controlled scrimmage will be held 9/8. Commissioner Whitaker inquired about the status of the CYFA Board Member position and scheduled executive session for 8/22. Position is open. Kelly Rudd continues to assist with the CYFA day -to- day operations. Travis Hudson indicated a meeting was held 8/15/18 to discuss the open position. Parks Director Young requests that Mr. Hudson meet with himself and Lorenzo to complete the Jamboree schedule. Thomas Paulson presented for Flag Football. Registrations are going well, considering numbers decrease during the Fall season due to tackle football registrations. This season has experienced registration losses to Beebe Badger Flag Football. Flag Football registrations are at 247. Registrations will end 8/25. Combine and draft will be held on 8/25 at the Cabot Freshman Academy. Season presumed to start on 9/8. The drainage project at Crouch Field is underway. Parks Director Young discussed recent fertilization treatment and maintenance projects conducted at Crouch Field. Mr. Paulson voiced concerns regarding the current condition of Crouch Field and lack of gate/ fence. Parks Director Young is to contact the Water Department to determine time frame for repair completion. Parks Director Young provided a construction update for the new flag football fields. 2/5 pads are constructed, only requiring top soil. Commissioner Whitaker indicated they have an approximate completion date of 45 days. BMX presented. Information was provided to the Commission and Parks Director Young regarding national event qualifications. Parking and hotel accommodations are considerable factors. Phone call inquiries were made to surrounding area hotels. A 10-15 mile radius yields 417 rooms; expanding to a 20 mile radius yields an additional 621 rooms. Airport is close in proximity. One more set of bleachers is required. Track is currently at national caliber. Stage is set up. Run off on finish line is standard. Fencing around track is complete. Soil tact is an ongoing project. Moto board area set up. A call has placed to John, the Chief Operations Officer for USA BMX regarding the addition of 5 extra miles to accommodate for the hotel room requirement. The event would be held in July/ August 2020. Registration for the race would be at USA BMX. Parking passes would be available for purchase. BMX would like to have the Gold Cup Qualifier here in 2019.

V. Old Business

None

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VI. New Business

Parks Director Young requests that the 9/18/18 Commission meeting be moved to Cabot City Annex at 6:30p.

VII. Community Input

None

IV. Adjournment

ADJOURNED AT 6:54 pm.

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned Chairman, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission August 21, 2018.

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Parks and Recreation Commission Chairman

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