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Cabot Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

July 17, 2018

Cabot Veterans Park Events Center

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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, Matt Moudy

Absent: Eric Park

Guest: Greg Crumpton

II. Minutes of Regular Meeting

The minutes from the regular meeting held June 19, 2018 were presented. **NICK WHITAKER MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF JUNE 19, 2018 AS PRESENTED, SECOND BY MIKE BURCHFIELD. ALL VOTED AYE.**

III. Financials

June 2018 financials were discussed. Parks Director Travis Young discussed the June deferred maintenance costs associated with the replacement of two air conditioning units at the Veterans Park Community Center. Concessions costs are high, but generated revenue is higher. Generated revenue is the second highest month on record at Parks and Recreation. **NICK WHITAKER MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE JUNE 2018 FINANCIALS AS PRESENTED, SECOND BY MIKE BURCHFIELD. ALL VOTED AYE.**

IV. Programs

Parks Director Young presented for programs. Fall registrations are ongoing. Early sign ups yielded positive results. Soccer registrations yielded the highest numbers in early registrations. Cabot Parks and Recreation will be featured in an article for the United States Tennis Association. The CPR Rally Cats Tennis Program had one of the highest success rates in participation history. The dirt work project is underway. Underbrush has been cleared. Fields may possibly be shifted in the future. A meeting to discuss the shifting of fields will take place on July 18, 2018. The conservation of trees and natural shade is a priority to the Parks and Recreation department. The flyer for fall sports registrations has been approved by the Cabot school district and will be in local schools August 1, 2018. CPR has hired a new Recreational Programmer, Dustin Simpson. BMX presented. Information regarding national events has been received from USA BMX via email. The information details the requirements needed to hold a national BMX event. BMX is racing on Thursdays and Saturdays. Races did not take place on 7/14/18. Commission inquired about soil tact project. The soil tact has not been put down and will be placed when weather permits. The tracks are about 90% complete. Once the soil tact is

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placed, the complex will be slurried. Requirements for USA BMX include the use of either tarp systems or soil tact. Curtis Rudd presented for football. Registrations are open online. Flag football registrations are not open, but will begin in August.

V. Old Business

The ribbon cutting ceremony for the inclusive park off of Richie Road was successful. The ceremony had excellent representation from the Parks department, schools, and news outlets. Feedback has been positive regarding the construction of the park.

VI. New Business

Cabot Youth Football Association (CYFA) is currently experiencing difficulties filling a secretarial board position. Curtis and Kelly Rudd are present on behalf of CYFA. Parks Director Young expressed the commissions roll in the approval of multiple family members active on a single board. A spouse of an active board member has temporarily been filling the roll of CYFA secretary. Officially, a spouse of an active board member may not fill the roll without Parks Commission approval. Commissioner Cope indicated that the initial ruling was set in place to avoid the unfair advantage of two voting members from a single family. Commissioner Whitaker expressed to Curtis Rudd a previous experience with Travis Hudson. According to Parks Commissioner Whitaker, Chris Easter was nominated to fill a position on the CYFA board, but was advised not to by acting CYFA President Travis Hudson because of possible conflict of interest, as Mr. Easter was currently serving as active member of the rules committee. Turning down active volunteers in lieu of spouses creates the perception of a two vote stack. Commissioner Whitaker inquired if Kelly Rudd had to be an active voting member in order to fulfill the CYFA secretarial duties. Mrs. Rudd indicated that it would be an injustice to the families who depend on the CYFA board if the answer was no. Posts regarding the position have been made to Facebook, but the lack of volunteers during the CYFA off season creates an issue. CYFA registrations will start in August and the season will begin in September. Commission suggests advocating for the position during this time. Commissioner Sled suggests keeping the position open temporarily, as the CYFA Constitution entitles the treasurer to fulfill the roll of secretary until elected. Commission asks Parks Director Young if action needs to be taken. The decision is left up to the Commission with the understanding of past agreements set forth by CYFA and Commission Attorney Greg Crumpton. No motion.

Parks Director Young proposes an amendment to future 4th of July celebrations. After speaking with Air Magic, who provides Cabot’s fireworks, Parks Director suggests a move to the 3rd of July for the 2019 celebration. The proposed change would eliminate competition from the

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surrounding areas and provide Cabot the opportunity to be the first fireworks show in Central Arkansas. July 4, 2018 reflected the highest attendance at a 4th of July event since Cabot Parks and Recreation has been involved. The Aquatic Park yielded 300+ individuals for the after hour's event. Commission inquired about the possibility of a 321 Cabot Sportsplex exit to Kerr Station Road. The infrastructure change could possibly eliminate future traffic issues. **MAGGIE COPE MOTIONED TO MOVE THE FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION TO THIRD OF JULY, SECOND BY MATT MOUDY. ALL VOTED AYE**

Parks Director Young indicated to the Commission that we are in line to purchase a \$25,000 tractor with a back hoe digging attachment. The purchase can be made through US Communities or NJPA pricing, which are two government buying programs; or it can be put up for a bid. The bid process would be worrisome because no tractor is crafted the same way. Commissioner warns of potential blowback with the purchase of a tractor. Commission Attorney Greg Crumpton inquired about the CPR spending authority limit for purchases. State statute states anything over \$20,000 needs to go to bid, but US Communities and NJPA pricing eliminates the bid process.

VII. Community Input


None

IV. Adjournment

ADJOURNED AT 6:56 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 July 17, 2018.



Parks and Recreation Commission Chairman