

**Seymour Parks & Recreation Department**  
**Board Minutes**  
**April 10, 2023 at 4:00p.m.**

Seymour Parks & Recreation Board met at Seymour City Hall on Monday, April 10th, at 4 p.m. Members in attendance were Bethany Rust, Kendra Zumhingst, Art Juergens, and Tim Ferret. Members of the Parks Department present were Stacy Findley, Chad Keithley, Kerry Bevers, Tracey Cole, and Allycen Wheeler. Also in attendance were Mayor Matthew Nicholson, Councilman Chad Hubbard, Public Information Specialist January Rutherford, Dave and Chris Boggs, Brad and Christy Nolan, and Solomon Rust. From the Tribune, Zach Spicer attended.

Bethany called the meeting to order. A motion to approve the March minutes was made by Kendra and seconded by Art. Motion carried. A motion to approve the March claims was made by Art and seconded by Kendra. Motion carried.

Kendra made a motion to approve both the 502 and 506-9 March balances. Tim seconded the motion. Motion carried for approval of both funds.

**Updates:**

- Stacy discussed the designs of the Shields Pool Splash Pad fixtures. While researching her options she did not want anything that would dump water over a child's head, having a toddler herself, she feels little ones would not like that. She was looking for something that would keep the concrete cool, sprays out water, and something inexpensive. Stacy says this will be a temporary fix, this will not be permanent. She is suggesting the Aqua Dome #1 and Aqua Dome #2, they look exactly the same, but they are different in height. One fixture is \$3,100 and the other is \$3,600 with a rough total of \$6,700. There will need to be about 20 yards of concrete poured for the fixtures, with an estimated cost of \$100 to \$125 per yard. Kendra asked if the Shields Pool Splash Pad dollars would be coming from our 506-9 or 502 budget. Stacy responded with neither, there are two line items that we would be using to fund the Shields Pool Splash Pad. The two lines are pool concessions and pool operations that come from our operating budget. Chad said the great thing about these particular fixtures is we can use them even after the pool is upgraded in the future. Dave Boggs said the current filter system is on its last leg for the big pool, and he questioned if it was being upgraded this year. Stacy said no, that is the \$300,000 Master Plan item that had been discussed in past meetings. Kendra felt we needed a Plan B, if Aqua Dome #1 and Aqua Dome #2 would not be available for this year to purchase. Mayor Matt suggested that we go with a not to exceed vote, that way we can go ahead and order fixtures to have for this year at Shields pool. Kendra made a motion to move forward with the splash pad fixtures on a temporary basis, modify the master plan and not to exceed \$15,000. Art seconded. Motion carried.
- Brad Nolan with B & C Electric came to share his estimated cost on changing over to LED light fixtures in the parks. This would include new LED lighting on the ballfields at Freeman Field Recreational Area, Gaiser Park, Kessler Park, and Shields Park. Lighting would be added on the soccer area and the new parking area at Freeman Field Recreational Area. There would be new poles and panels installed on Fields 4 and 5 at Freeman Field Recreational Area. Estimated cost to replace each pole with LED lighting would be \$1,720. Brad said the estimated cost to replace all

poles and lights at Gaiser Park, if he was able to use the bucket truck from DPW, would be \$10,320. He said if we were able to buy the lights in bulk now we could save on cost and the estimated lighting at Gaiser would be around \$8,000. Brad also said if we were to replace the old fixtures with the LED fixtures we would be saving 80% of our lighting bill. He is estimating this project to be completed within three years.

- Chad said Kevin Zarate with Crave Nutrition has reached out to the Parks and Recreation Department wanting to do a group activity called Fit Camp. This is where he would have a group of people to just do exercise for anywhere from 45-60 minutes. He is asking to hold Fit Camp at Gaiser Park on Tuesdays and Saturdays. If Gaiser would not be available he would be willing to have them at another park location. Chad said if this program is approved this would be program 100 for the Parks and Recreation Department. Kendra made a motion to approve and move forward with Kevin Zarate's request for use of the park free of charge. Tim seconded. Motion carried.

#### **Park Incidents:**

- Shields Park Restrooms were vandalized; the sanitary napkin dispenser was ripped away from the wall, the sink was ripped away from the wall, and the faucet from the sink was disassembled. Chad said we were able to liquid nail the sink back up this time, but this could be the last effort before having to buy a new sink.
- On March 31, 2023 Kasting Park suffered damages from a storm. Diamond 3 dugout roof was removed by strong winds, backstop fence posts were damaged on Diamond 4, and the wind screen on Diamond 2 was torn in several locations

#### **Program/Leagues Update:**

- 2023 Summer Softball - The season scheduled to begin on May 8, 2023. There are currently two teams signed up. Chad is hoping to have more teams sign up soon.
- Community Easter Egg Hunt - This event was a huge success as usual. Chad said it took the children 2 minutes and 7 seconds to find all the eggs.
- 3rd Annual Seymour Swing Golf Scramble - This event will be on August 11, 2023, at Shadowood Golf Course. Registration is from 7-8 a.m., with tee time starting at 8 a.m.
- Spring Mixology Class - This event is scheduled for April 22, 2023, from 5-8 p.m. at Brewskies Downtown. There are currently 26 individuals registered for this event.
- Disc Golf Ribbon Cutting - This event will be April 24, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Freeman Field Recreational Area for our 18 hole Disc Golf Course.
- Sips and Succulents - This event will be May 8, 2023, from 6-8 p.m. at Vat & Barrel.
- Pampered Tea for Two - This event is scheduled for April 15, 2023, from 10a.m.-noon. Chad discussed how this event started with enrollment of 50 individuals, and we had to increase the count to 75.
- Summer Volleyball - Registration started on March 31, 2023.
- Arbor Day - On April 27, 2023 at 4 p.m. we will be distributing trees, donated by Vallonia Nursery, to the first 100 participants at Girls Inc.
- Youth Kickball - Registration starts April 17th.
- Chad announced Spring Soccer has officially started. Stacy stated that our soccer fields are a buzz right now, and being used quite frequently. Chad added that he would appreciate it if people

would stay off of the soccer fields if they are wet, they are taking a beating with the heavy weekend usage. He also said if the public would use our practice fields on the weekends it would eliminate the damage on the playing fields so our Recreational leagues can enjoy them.

#### **Reservation Requests:**

- Vecinas Program (Su Casa) is requesting to hold Zumba Classes at Crossroads Park in the months of June and July on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Kendra motioned to approve and move forward with the Zumba Classes at Crossroads Park, free of charge. Tim seconded. Motion carried.

#### **Miscellaneous Business:**

- Allycen Wheeler, Assistant Program Director, received her ServSafe Certification on Feb. 15, 2023.
- Stacy announced the 5310 Grant Title 6 documents were completed, but we are waiting on approval from INDOT. She is asking for the Park Board to adopt the 5310 Grant Title 6 once approval is given from INDOT. Kendra made a motion to adopt the 5310 Grant Title 6 pending approval from INDOT. Tim seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Solomon Rust with Leadership Jackson County addressed the Park and Recreation Board to inquire about the Dog Park book presented previously by Karen Dringenburg, who is also with Leadership Jackson County. He was wanting to know what needed to be done to get this project finished. Kendra informed him of the past conversations from previous meetings. Solomon said he had the QR code ready, he just wanted to know where or if he could place the QR code signage. Stacy said as long as the signage could go on existing poles the signage would be fine. Solomon was also asking what needed to be done just to give him an idea in case this Leadership Jackson County project would advance into other towns.
- Kendra wanted to follow up on the sunshield for the slide at Shields Park, she was asking if it was ready to be ordered. Stacy said she would have to follow up on this, she started this a year ago and the individual did not get back with her. She does recall that they did not offer the color that was requested. Stacy asked Kendra if she had another company she would like to use and we would reach out to them. Kendra did have another company and will be getting the information to the Parks and Recreation Department so that we can get the sunshield ordered.
- Chad Hubbard wanted to inform the Parks Board that he had met with Matt Wheeler and decided what he wanted on the plaque for his uncle's memorial at Shields Big diamond. Chad said Matt will be finalizing something this week and send it to Stacy for her final approval. Stacy said that once this is finalized, we can have a ribbon cutting as well.
- Stacy updated the Park board about Westside Park restrooms. Stacy informed them the trusses are set, we are waiting on the metal to arrive to put the roof on. Interior walls are starting to go up, and once the doors are installed the electrical and plumbing can begin.

Bethany adjourned the meeting at 4:58 p.m..

The next Parks Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 8th, at 4:00pm