

Park Board Minutes
November 4th, 2019
Park Office – Garden House
5:30 p.m.

- I. Call to Order by Mark Coder, vice president.
 - a. Members Present: Alix Oreck, Anita Chappuie, Mark Coder, Todd Young, Molly Reynolds, Mardie Long, Val DeFever
 - b. Members not present: Jim Hogan, Alex Moore
- II. Approval Minutes of October 7, 2019 Meeting – A motion was made by Alix to approve the minutes and Mardie made the second, motion carried.
- III. New Business
 - a. FORPAZ announced the Park Opening will be April 11th, 2020 and Zoo Brew will be June 6th
 - b. Montgomery County Wellness Coalition Tobacco Free Parks – Update & Recommendation to the City Commission from the Park Board. Jeff Chubb wanted some clarification regarding this recommendation. He wants more detail on specifically what geographic areas would be included and whether this included smokeless tobacco also. He is worried that the current recommendation might be too spotty. Mark proposed from Shelter house through the merry-go-round. Alix suggested adding anything inside the miniature train tracks. The 4H building is already no smoking inside, but it is allowed outside. Pool is already no smoking. It was agreed that the areas where children will be are the areas that we want no smoking. It will be allowed in the oval and rentable buildings. There will be no regulation on smokeless tobacco. Alix moved to include mini train and mini golf area as well as the tennis courts and stands to the original recommendation of the playground area from the shelter house through the merry-go-round. Molly seconded. Motion carried.
- IV. Old Business
 - a. None reported.
- V. Staff & Committee Reports
 - a. Livestock Catch Pen Fence – Bid awarded to Frazier Fencing, Gary Frazier, Owner. Should start the week of November 11th.
 - b. Playground - There are plans to install the new swing in November. Optimist club would like to help. They will work the sidewalk to the swing instead of waiting on the sidewalk first.
 - c. Other projects - Going out for quotes for the Tortoise and Donkey Exhibit fence, Railing in front of the Bear Exhibit and Cougar fence repair. Barb is going to use

- leftover money originally dedicated to the catch pens because it came in so low. Staff will not do anymore major projects because they are too busy.
- d. Ride and Concessions Report. – The train only had a starter go out this year, so they had a real good year. Concessions will be revamped for next season because they learned a lot this year. Barb wants to have staff run it like they do the rides because it's easier to control.
 - e. Logan Fountain will be winterized tomorrow morning. It was also a good year for the fountain, and they found a blue thing to put in the water that keeps the algae out.
 - f. Downtown trees- Kevin goes down every Thursday to work on downtown trees. Tree board was there to help Neewollah vendors park without hurting any trees.

VI. Other Concerns of the Board

VII. Upcoming & Past Activities

- a. Zoolloween was October 12th - This year there was a great turnout, around 1,485 which included sponsors. Made about \$3000 and another \$600ish on concessions. It was suggested to maybe add fundraiser to the signage, so people know adults must pay too.
 - b. Veterans Day of Honor – Run for the Color – 5K Fun Run/Walk, Veterans Freedom Square Memorial Tribute.
 - c. Turkey Trot Fun Run/5K on Thanksgiving Morning to raise money for soccer fields
 - d. Christmas in the Park – December 7th - Park board usually bakes cookies. It runs from 4-7pm. The Park staff is still trying to think of an idea for an activity.
- VIII. Adjournment - Anita made the motion, Alix seconded, motion carried.

Approved:

1-6-2020
Date

Jim Hogan
Park Board President – Jim Hogan