

Muncie Park & Recreation Board Meeting

November 19th , 2019 6p.m.

City Hall Auditorium

1. President Yolanda Carey called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Yolanda asked everyone to stand for the pledge of allegiance.

3. **Roll Call** – Present was Yolanda Carey, absent Bev Kelley, absent Adrian Lavell, present Bruce Reynolds, present Mark Ervin.

4. **Approval of previous Board Meeting** for August, 2019 was so moved by Bruce Reynolds. It was Second by Mark Ervin. Vote was taken. It was unanimous. Motion carried.

5. **The Superintendent's Report** was given by Matt Walker

Matt is the Parks dept. Working foreman. Harvey Wright no longer works for the Parks dept. He is now the Superintendent at Sanitation dept. The Mayor has asked Matt to oversee the day today business for the Parks till the first of the year.

Morningside Park is expanded because of the land Roger Overby gave to the Parks dept. The workers have been cleaning the park up with the help of the community and the neighborhood association was able to paint things that need to be painted with the paint supplies we provided.

The Community had a Halloween event in the park and had seventy five to a hundred people and had a great success with it. It was a pleasure to work with the community.

As far as the Reservoir goes with the day to day jobs, we are winding down for the winter months. Our employees have been taking out the piers and storing them. This makes us very busy during this time.

With the Parks dept. we have been picking up limbs in the parks and keeping playgrounds mulched. We are doing work in Cooley park .We are hoping to put a walking trail in the park.

We are also putting up Christmas decorations in the parks as well as putting up two forty foot trees at Canan Commons and at Jackson St. and Kilgor. We are also in the process of putting up garland and wreaths.

6. Event Application – none

7. Old Business: Mowers purchase for Parks – Matt Walker

We purchased mowers for the Parks which was approved by the council at the last meeting. They are greatly appreciated by the Parks workers. We thank the council for the new mowers.

8. New Business:

A. Seniors in the Park – Brookside Haven cabin 3 from 11:00 to 12:00

Rosewood Manor on Dec. 18th at cabin 3 from 11:00 to 12:00

B. Peterson truck and Garbage truck- Matt Walker

We have money left over from previous calendar year I talked about in the last Board meeting to buy the mowers that were approved by the Board to purchase. We still have enough money left over to buy a Peterson and trash truck. We would like to ask the Board permission to buy these two items in which we are in need of. The Peterson and Trash truck are no longer repairable. They have been fixed many times. The Peterson was retired in 2011 from Sanitation dept. It has served us well Our Trash truck has had majored engine failure. Our guys are picking up our trash totes with a trailer taking it to the dump and going back and picking up more by hand. It's not sufficient for them. We are here today to ask if we can purchase a Peterson and a Trash truck

Harvey Wright- The money left is about three hundred and forty thousand that is not allocated but is in the Parks budget. The cost of the Trash truck is around one hundred and ten thousand and the Peterson is around one hundred and fifty to one hundred and sixty thousand. There would still be money left.

Being the former Superintendent when we came in two thousand and twelve, we did not have a Peterson truck. They were lifting everything manually putting brush and tree limbs in pickup trucks and hauling everything a way. One thing a Petersons truck does is helps with Workman's comp, time efficiency. Also the Trash truck is not a compacter.

We could not afford it. This would be for new Peterson and Trash truck around two hundred and seventy five thousand dollars.

Mark Ervin asked a question about the new administration coming in will they have a chance to ask about the purchase. Harvey Wright stated we would bring this in front of the council now while we have the money in the budget to purchase these items. We would let them know as well. We want to do it now while the money is there. We have never had this opportunity before because of our budget. We have one of the smallest budgets not just in the state of Indiana but in the United States. The money came from the one percent tax drawl and we didn't get it one year because of an error made and we still came under budget. We are not asking for additional money. This is our money we want to use. All we are asking for is to have permission to get the quotes so we can present it to the council. We will be glad to go over everything with Dan and the council. Mark Ervin stated he would support this but this is subject to going through the council be for purchasing these items. First motion to bring the quotes for the Peterson and the Trash truck was made by Bruce Reynolds. Seconded by Mark Erving.

A vote was taken by the Board and it was unanimous. Motion carried.

Harvey Wright wanted to thank the Parks Board. I have had an awesome Board to work with for eight years and we got a lot done with the help of the Board members. I also want to thank Matt Walker, Ivan Gregory, Kellie McClellan our Urban Forester, Phyllis in the office. With the budge we've had and three years ago Muncie Parks dept. was chosen one of the top forty Parks in the state. I talked to Dan earlier in the year and he stated we need to get some more money in the Parks budget and I agreed with him. Our cabins all have new roofs on them. Some still need some work don on them. I would also like to say even when we were shorted on our tax base, we never went over budget. That's to commend the people in the parks the employees and all the help from the Board. Again thank you for your support.

9. Other Business- This is a call to the audience that may have items that needs the Boards vote. None

10. Action Items – None

11.

Public input Three Minute Limit; Please state your name and address

JoAnna Dorda 223N Elm St. Muncie. She wants to talk about Gilbert Park.

It's close to a Marathon station, Liquor store, Muncie Inn. People like to go over to the Park and drink all day and some times that leads to fights. There are no trash totes in the Park and trash is thrown on the ground everywhere. We have tried to call the Parks dept. before to see if they could get the benches removed to see if that would help. We have not gotten any action from it. There have been over thirty incident calls to that address. I don't think anyone likes calling the police on people and we only try to call when there is a fight, or they have passed out and can't get up. I would like to have some lights in the Park so maybe this would detour this problem and some trash totes in the park and long term to add more playground equipment. We do have a lot of children in the neighborhood and grandparents too. I would really be nice to be able to use the Park by the families in our neighborhood.

Yolanda asked who she has spoken with. She stated she does not. Heather Williams recommended that we call the Parks dept. to see if we could get the benches removed.

Matt Walker spoke and stated the reason there are no trash cans in the park is because people set them on fire. There are several occasions and things that happen and I know there was a call in the other day about the landscaping being cut down. It has decorative grass and every year we pick several parks for that to happen it was this year that that happened. So in the fall of next year we are planning to go back in and replace some stuff. Mrs. Ball was the one who complained about that. As thing happen in a public park, you call the police and it sound like that is what you are doing. We cannot tell people not to go in a park unless I see wrong doing, then we call the police. We took some chairs out this year. So there are numerous issues there in this Park We understand that. Matt stated he would sit down and talk with them about this and work together on this to figure out what to do about this. I'm not making any promises to you. We would be more than happy to meet with you and thank you for your time. Yolanda asked if there were any more comments. There were none at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Next meeting will be at 6 p.m. at City Hall on January 21st, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Mills Secretary

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1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of previous Park Board Meeting Minutes.
5. Parks Report – Matt Walker
6. Event Applications – None
7. Old Business
 - A. Mower Purchase for Parks – Matt Walker
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12-18-19 Rosewood Manor Cabin 3
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Needs the Boards Vote.
10. Action Items
 - A.
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Remember to please call the Park Office or the Board President if you want an Item placed on the Park Board Agenda.

Next Park Board Meeting January 21, 2020 6 PM City Hall

Park Board Meeting Public Input Sign In Sheet

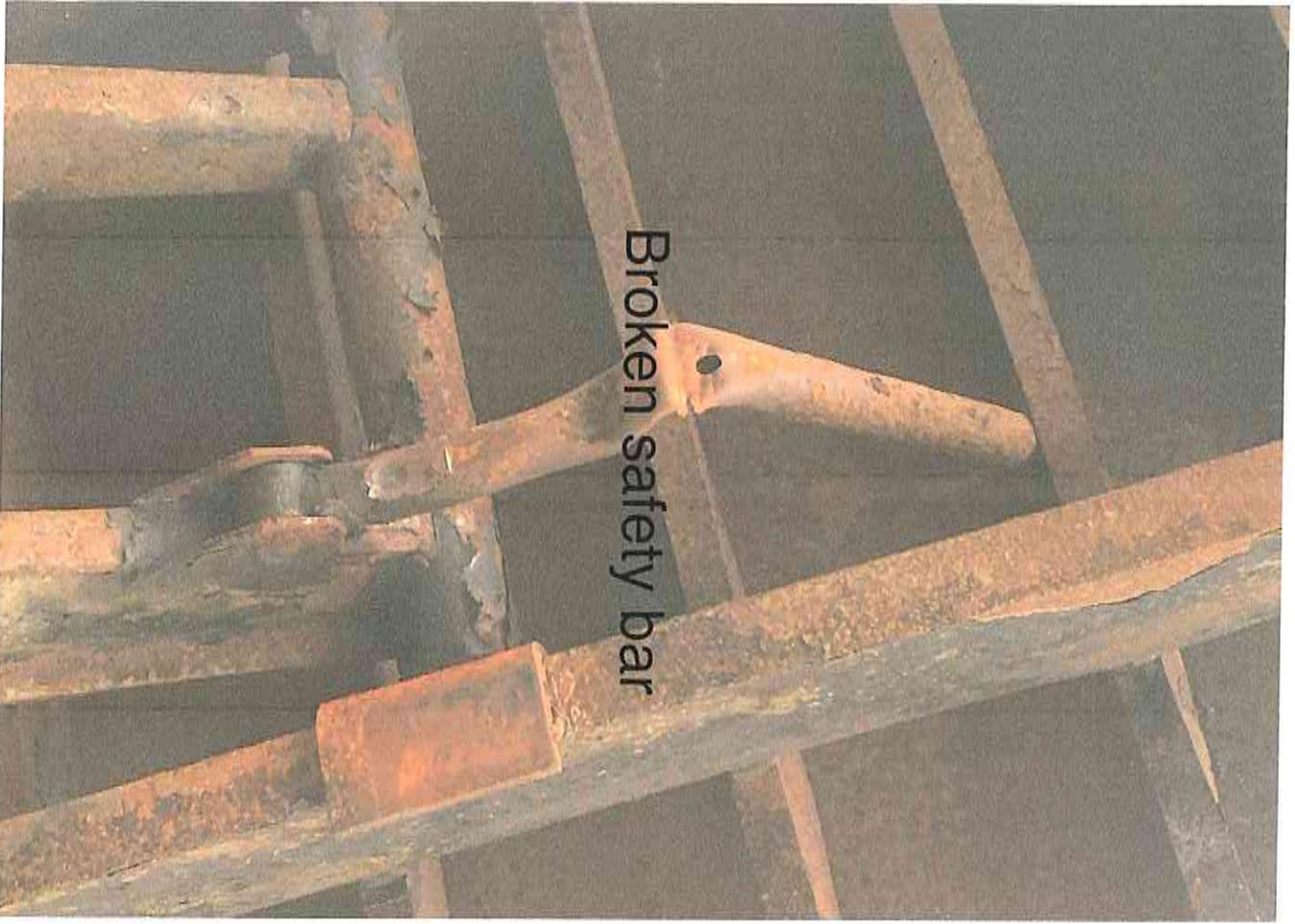
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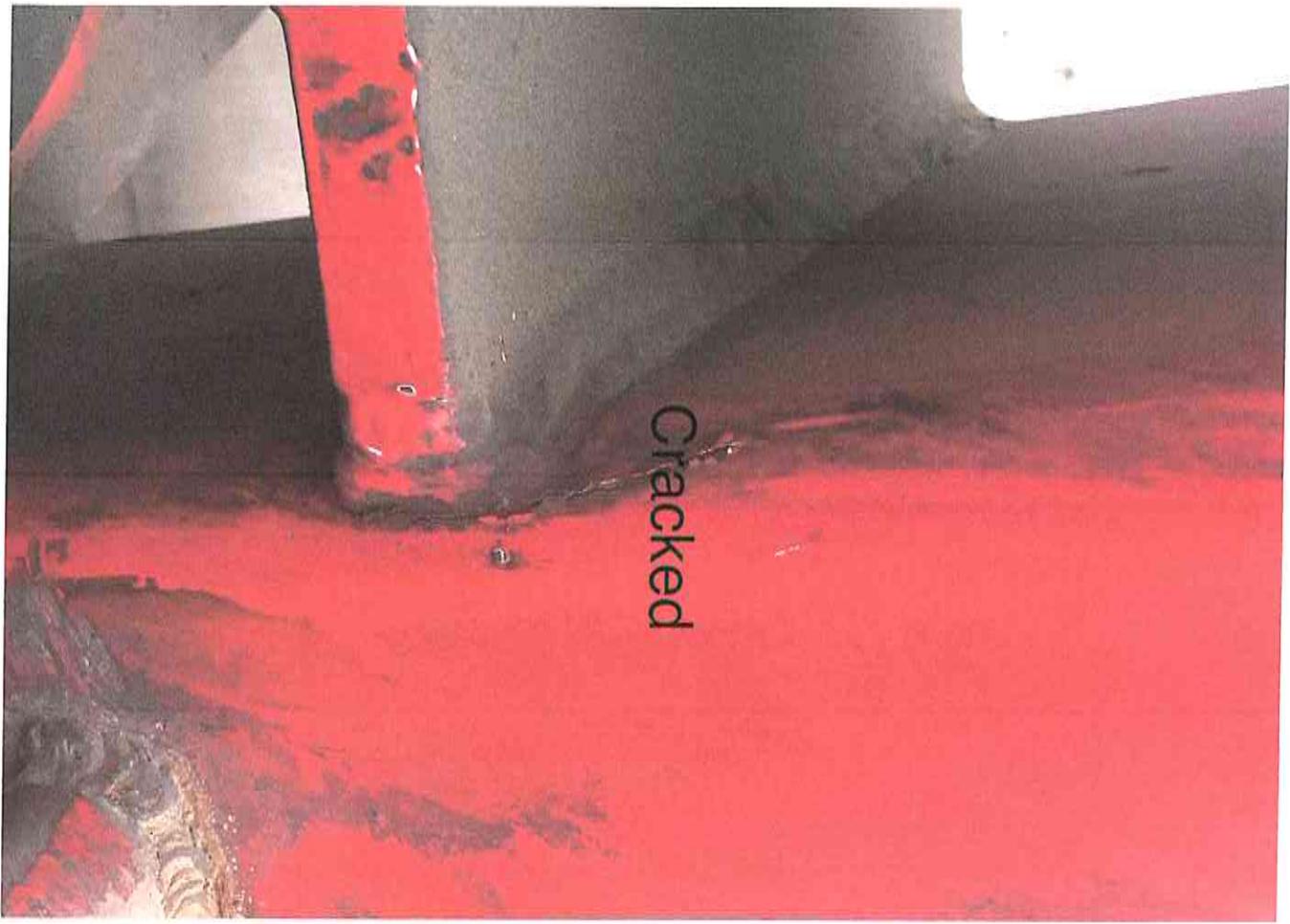
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