

Muncie Park & Recreation Board Meeting

November 18, 2014 at 6:00p.m.

City Hall Auditorium

President, Carl Malone called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Mr. Malone asked for everyone to stand for the pledge of allegiance.

II. Roll Call; Carl Malone (Present), Joann Miller (Present), Yolanda Carey (Present), Beverly Kelley (Present), and Adrian Leavell (Absent).

III. Approval of the September Board Meeting Minutes was so moved by Joann Miller seconded by Beverly Kelley and unanimously approved by the board.

IV. The Superintendent's Report was given by Harvey Wright. (See attached report) We are going to get another park at Main Street and Madison Street. It will be named East Gateway with the funding coming from the Ball Foundation. Brad Bookout is heading up this project.

V. Event Applications Back to Muncie requested the use of McCulloch Park for the 2015 Homecoming Festival on August 14,15,&16. "The event coordinator has to register the event with the Health Dept. This festival only happens every four years. All the vendors have to have proper permit from the Health Dept. & Parks Dept." Beverly Kelley made the motion to approve the event, seconded by Joann Miller. A call for the vote was taken, with all voting yes.

VI. Prairie Creek - Report was given by Harvey Wright, Ivan Gregory had another meeting tonight. "All the piers have been removed and stored. They are in the water taking out the frame works. Everything has been winterized. We had an dispute/altercation at the campground this year. We had to tell the two families, they could not come back to our campground."

VII. Special Presentation - Harvey Wright presented all the volunteers at the Unity Center with a certificate from the City of Muncie and the Mayor; Yolanda Taylor, Carl Malone, Malik Perry, Kevin Wills, Curtis Westbrook, and John Beaty. The Parks and Recreation Department really appreciates all the work and determination. It has not been easy. The Unity Center is not getting any money from the City. The Unity Board Members are getting donations from businesses and private individuals. They are

starting to do some fund raising. The Unity Center has about 85 kids every day. Carl Malone thanked the Parks Department for helping with the everyday needs, cleaning, and repairs made.

VIII. Old Business

- a. Appeal to the Great Spirit - Harvey Wright reported that the location has been completed. “ Jim Wingate was contacted today; he wants to do some work on the base of the statue. We know that the statue and base will have to be cleaned in about a year or two. There is a company out of New York that we will contract. The landscaping is awesome you can see the statue now.”
- b. The Unity Center Update – Carl Malone gave an update on trying to reach out and have a better relationship with the other organizations. They are trying to start new programs. The kids are coming through the doors every day, so there is a need for this center.

IX. New Business

- a. Tuhey Pool 2014 Report – postponed until January 2015
- b. Seniors in the Park – Bev Kelley reported that Buley Center seniors were served on November 20, and Rosewood Manor seniors were served December 18, in Cabin #3 in Heekin Park. We want to thank Lee’s Famous Recipe Chicken and Mits Bus for helping us provide this service to our community, the volunteer and the Muncie Park Employee who help set up this event every month.

X. Action Items;

- a. None

XI. Public Input Three-Minute Limit; Please state your name and address

a. John Beaty, 1106 E. 32nd St. Muncie. “ I want to thank the City of Muncie and the Mayor for the award. I have worked with all of the Parks Directors and I can’t say anything bad about any of them. Harvey Wright has went beyond the duties of a Park Superintendent, his heart is there. He has went thru all the parks and cleaned them up. He has done everything that he said he was going to do: A new shelter house in Heekin, a new basketball court in Heekin, new playground equipment in Thomas, Cooley and Heekin Parks. He put in a new neighborhood park on West Charles Street, the Clifton Wallace Park. Harvey Wright goes way beyond getting things done. Thank You.

b. Beth Quarles, 309 N. High St. Muncie. She is the director of the Muncie Homecoming 2015. She wants to thank each and every one of the Park Board Members for their vote of confidence. We are using the Buley Center and the Unity Center. Dee is sponsor of a High School dance at the Buley Center. I encourage all of you to go to the Muncie Homecoming Festival website and see the entire event that will be taking place.

c. Richard Ivy, 1209 N. Bellaire, Muncie. Harvey Wright is truly a community person. He has worked hard making the parks beautiful. People notice the parks. All I have to do is ask, if I need something like portable pots and they are there. I want to thank Carl Malone and the team he assemble this year. He had a vision, Man was it successful. We started the program this summer with \$64, 250. Our expense were \$63,043.51 leaving a balance of \$1206.49. There is still an outstanding bill for \$ 300.

Carl Malone asked about the soccer program. 238 kids took part in the program. Each year we get more kids in the program.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Next meeting will be at 6 p.m. at City Hall on January 20, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Rude, Secretary