

Notes for Lancaster Parks and Recreation Department and Lancaster Tree Commission

1. Meeting to Order

Committee Assignments: Randy Groff – Chair, Jon Hale, Tom Stoughton

In Attendance:

- Mike Tharp
- Jon Hale
- Tom Stoughton
- Randy Groff
- Greg Russell
- Brian Kuhn
- Paul Martin
- Amber Thimmes

2. Guests

3. Old Business

- a. Land behind Menards, Wilcox Development, **Park Board to accept land, 2.18 acres, bike trail**
- b. Land between Ety and Collins Road, Fairfield County land bank to start foreclosure, 30+ acres, bike trail

4. Levy

- **Renew or increase, Park Board has approved a renewal.**

5. New Business

- **Miller Park (Pool)**
 - a. **Limited operation days of the week-Such as weekends only (open only 3-4 days a week, possibly holidays)**
 - b. **Limited overhead/staff-bring staff to a total of 4**
 - c. **Limited number of patrons-between 100-150 patrons**
 - d. **A rented facility only-use when parties or events are scheduled only**
 - e. **Arcade area in the facility-brings up profit but not sure of crowd it will bring in**
 - f. **Remove skate park from the area (\$00,000.00)-can be costly to maintain and fix issues with skate park but not sure where else it would go**
 - g. **Reduced rate to patrons-not really helping with profit**
 - h. **Look for grants to help offset losses in low economic areas**
 - i. **Get groups like Kiwanis and Rotary involved to help offset operational costs or to cover repair/replacement costs. These items need to be done to continue making facility operational:**
 - i. **New roof (\$10,000.00)**
 - ii. **Paint or new siding exterior pool house (\$10,000.00)**
 - iii. **Reconfigure inside so that one person can operate door/concessions (\$2,500.00)**

iv. Repair/replace baby pool (repair \$1,500.00/replace \$8,000.00)

v. Remove sliding board

- Where are we at with the Capitol Campaign? Going forward with it, sending emails, working on finishing up into the next week
- Tree Commission should have a new employee by October 3rd
- Next Three major events in the parks: Frontier Players, Pumpkin Hike, Santa in the Park.
- HVAC units for Olivedale have been ordered and work should start within a week. Will have about a 2 week shut down in November.
- Fire Tower from Sugar Grove to Alley Park-looking into safety & liability concerns
- Still have a full time and part-time position open in the parks, going to fill the full time position.
- Tractor club event gone for the foreseeable future, looking at new event for Alley Park. Possibly a BBQ competition/car show to add in its place
- No further word from interested property developer.
- 115 Acres/3 lakes across from Alley Park, Shelly Sand and Gravel. Interested or not? Possibility of making into a camping area for those who can't travel too far
- New aeration system in Alley Park, grant money
- Chip and tar alley, Keller and Olivedale

6. Committee/Council Member Items

7. Executive Session

8. Next Meeting will be as needed for 4th quarter. Following Meeting will be March 2017.

9. Adjourn

-Jon Motioned

-Tom 2nd