

**CITY OF DIAMOND  
PARKS BOARD MEETING  
Meeting Minutes**

**July 17, 2023 @ 6:00pm: Open Session**

**Location: Diamond City Hall**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Debbie Cash called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Present were members Debbie Cash and Morgan McLess.

**ALSO REPRESENTING THE CITY:** Wastewater Supervisor/Building Inspector Nick Frazier, Mayor Amy Thomlinson

**APPROVING THE AGENDA:** All approved.

**APPROVING THE MINUTES:** All approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Library/Pantry update-Library boxes are done. Board decided to paint them white with light grey trim. Morgan offered to paint them. Nick will get paint and drop them off to Morgan. One will be placed by Police Dept and the other by the Baptist Church.
- Volunteer jobs to-do list – Morgan will try to get login to update Admin's to Facebook page to help post events and updates.
- Plaque for the status in Veteran's Park. Proof being emailed this week.
- June 24<sup>th</sup> Summer Kickoff-discussion regarding food not being ready by 7 pm when event started, Water Slide should have been set up earlier so that water could be filled and ready by start of event, communication on cost and who to make check out to needs to be done much earlier so that the Mayor has time to get a check cut and signed.
- Signs at Cullum and Dieckhoff Park are broken. Proof being sent with Veteran's sign. All signs coming from the same vendor.
- Walking trail-Cost from Engineer came in. The walking trail as originally planned and adding around the playground would be \$32,000. To add the bridge over the

culvert would be \$18,500. The North parking would be \$26,000 and the South parking would be \$20,000. There are Erosion cost of \$9,000 and Mobilization costs of \$23,000. Total of \$120,000 if we do everything. Nick will propose doing all of it to the City Council. If they don't approve we will first take off the South Parking and then North Parking next. Discussed adding a ramp to the far East parking spot in the South parking for Handicapped access.

- City approved to place port-a-potties at Dieckhoff Park for season. Board would like to have them available from March to November. Nick will call to get one placed.
- Barbeque grills-Mrs. Dieckhoff is willing to purchase these. If purchased would like them placed immediately by each pavilion.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion regarding ADA playground digger which would provide the 10% needed to be compliant with ADA. Would need sandbox to be placed adjacent to the playground instead of within the current playground. Discussions about possibly placing this on the East side where landscape beds need to be redone. Morgan found a digger for \$712 and sent link to Debbie. She will speak with Mrs. Dieckhoff about possibly purchasing this equipment.
2. Jolene Webb resigned her position on the board. Discussed needing 2 new members to replace her and Jessica. Morgan will try to post a "We Want You" on the Park board Facebook page. We can wait to elect a new Chair person after getting new members or elect one now. Any new members would have to be approved by the City Council first.
3. Veteran's Mural Dedication-Donna suggested via text that we could do this during Gem City Days. Discussion about having this immediately following the Parade. Morgan will reach out to Mercedes (artist) and we would like her to talk about her inspiration for the mural. Debbie will reach out to Preston Wright regarding the announcement and possibly reaching out to the Veteran's group that normally attend the parade. We would like one of them to speak about what the mural means to them.
4. Discussion regarding budget for the Park board, what costs come out of our budget and the Project account that have to be approved. Bylaws were discussed but no one has any. Discussed what happens to left over food after an event and if any can be saved for the next event when possible.

5. Started discussion about next event possibly in October. Would like a movie night in the Park but have a contingency plan to move to City Hall with just movie and food (no bounce houses) if weather calls for rain. Next Summer event we should have just bounce houses and food with no movie. Not many people stayed for the movie as it was rather late when we could start it.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** N/A

**COMMISSION MEMBERS COMMENTS:** N/A

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** August 15th @ 6pm

**ADJOURN:**

All business having been presented and addressed, a motion was made to adjourn, and passed unanimously @ 7:20pm.

Debbie Cash: Secretary