

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LAFAYETTE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

4:00 pm

10 August 2020

The City of Lafayette Parks and Recreation Board met in regular meeting at 4:00pm, August 10, 2020 via virtual “gotomeeting” which was livestreamed through City of Lafayette’s Youtube channel.

The meeting was called to order by Park Board President, Maurie Denney. Board members present were Pat Corey and Dave Mecklenburg. Parks Superintendent Claudine Laufman, Parks Director of Operations Jon Miner, Marketing Manager Samantha Haville, and Recording Secretary Jenny Spencer were present. All votes will be taken via roll call.

Upon motion by Pat Corey, seconded by Dave Mecklenburg, and unanimously carried, minutes of the July 20, 2020 Parks Board meeting were approved.

Upon motion of Dave Mecklenburg, seconded by Pat Corey, and unanimously carried, General Fund Claims in the amount of \$18,802.86, Non-Reverting Fund Claims in the amount of \$31,148.67 for a total of \$49,951.53 were approved.

Superintendent’s Report

- Superintendent Laufman handed the floor to Marketing Manager Samantha Haville who provided a summary of events and social media efforts. There were two Art in the Park events held at Armstrong Park. The first with just over 400 attendees and 570 at the second. Working with the Tippecanoe County Health Department on safety measures created a great environment. Other successful events included two opening ceremonies. One for the new playground at McAllister and the second for the Harmony playground at Armstrong Park. In addition Samantha updated the Board on the Virtual Zoo Run Run to be held this year July 24 – August 24. There are 130 registrants this year so far. The Park’s social media presence continues to rise with increases in Facebook, Twitter and Instagram followers.
- Superintendent Laufman updated on the many projects in progress. Capital City Fencing has been working to section off their area of work. There is no update on the Penguin Permit. The concrete pad is being poured for the Carousel. Workers are finishing demo on Memorial Island. All sediment has been removed from the south lagoon. Ended with depth of 9ft. JR Kelly Company is working on the seawall. Dredging continues in the north lagoon. Less wildlife due to shallowness of lagoon.
- Director of Operations Miner reported on Loeb Stadium. The light poles are now up. Removal of equipment on the playing field will occur over next couple of weeks in order for grading to begin for turf to be installed later in the fall. In addition, Jon reported on close of the Aquatics season. All pools closed August 9th. The decision was made with concern for staff and students returning to schools in 2 weeks. As seen in attachment, the pools had a successful season. Will have final numbers when the last few outstanding

invoices are paid. Concessions reported \$110,656.03 in revenue. Pool Staff have been contacting season pass holders to determine whether they choose to continue 2020 pass through the 2021 season, or receive a 30% refund. Most are choosing to continue their passes.

Declaration of Surplus Property

- Upon motion of Dave Mecklenburg, seconded by Pat Corey and unanimously carried via roll call vote, the American alligator will be deemed surplus in order to be relocated to a more suitable environment.

Communications:

- Board: none
- Public: Included with record are 2 written commendations from the public. One from a Linwood resident appreciating the new playground. The other is a letter praising the staff at McAllister for superior service to a family with a camper attending.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion of Dave Mecklenburg seconded by Pat Corey, unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 4:24 pm.

Maurie Denney, Park Board President

Matt Metzger, Secretary Pro Tem

Jenny Spencer, Recording Secretary