

WHITEHALL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

April 11, 2018

The meeting of the Whitehall Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:02 PM by Chairman John Feters. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those assembled. On a roll call, the following members were in attendance: Mike Adkins, Chris Bolich, Tiffanie Charles, Feters, Katie Quincel, Director Shannon Sorrell, and Shannon Werner. Absent: Mark Schieber and Zach Wright. Guests: Councilman Wes Kantor, Matt Golden, and Chuck Thacker.

Charles moved, seconded by Adkins, to excuse the absent members and the motion carried 5 – 0. Schieber subsequently arrived at 6:06 PM.

There were no guests to poll for questions or comments.

Quincel moved, seconded by Charles, to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2018 meeting and the motion carried 5 – 0.

The Commission reviewed the following items: Employees' wages/ personal service for 3/2/18 through 3/29/18; bills and refunds for March 2018; and Trust Fund, budget, and income for March 2018.

Director's Report:

Shannon Sorrell introduced the newest full-time addition to the Parks Maintenance staff, Chuck Thacker, who will be working more evening and weekend hours as the season gets underway.

Sorrell has informed WYAA that the department will be establishing designated smoking areas (all tobacco products) in John Bishop Park, and smoking on the ball fields will no longer be permitted. City Ordinance already allows the department this authority.

Summer camp plans are moving along quickly and going well. The department, in partnership with the YMCA and WCS, hope to announce plans/ signup as soon as TANF funding becomes available (which is behind schedule).

Parking lot paving is starting this week at JBP, and concrete should be finished this week too.

Staff painted out lines on the lower level of WCP to begin the re-measuring of that area.

Next, Sorrell explained that the department has terminated its partnership with Carter's Kids Foundation to replace the playground at JBP. Once the invoice for the Foundation was separated from the invoice of the equipment provider, the Foundation's \$38K administrative fee only covered publicity/ TV spot, and the department was on the hook for extensive site prep (which would have to be contracted out). We are now working with our local Game time vendor. The result of this will be a complete turn-key project with more equipment.

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The City and Parks and Recreation will be planning weekly ribbon-cuttings of the new playgrounds leading up to the June 3rd John Bishop Park Party.

Interviews for an architectural firm for the Activity Center renovation begins on Monday, April 16th.

The City received 4 bids for the Armory roof replacement project.

Feazel will be replacing the roof on the Senior Citizen Center and their start/completion date is weather dependent.

Other park project updates: Security cameras at John Bishop Park will be installed after other projects are completed; exploring fencing options for Norton Field Park; monthly Senior programs are going well (most recently a visit by the Columbus Zoo); a Monday Yoga class has been added; Earth Day Party at WCP on 4/21 is ready to go; the department is leading Weekly Walks at lunchtime; honeysuckle removal will take place at WCP in the spring

There being no further business, Charles moved, seconded by Quincel, and the meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM.

To the best of my knowledge these minutes are true and correct.

Chairperson

Prepared by:

Shannon Werner