

# City of Lebanon Park Board Meeting

## Winfrey Property

## 25573 Highway 5

### Meeting Minutes: July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022

#### In Attendance:

Park Board Members: RaeAnn Shoemaker, Max Meckem, Dan Mizell, Carrie Plassmeyer, Doug Smith, and Ramsey Stewart. Media: Steve Smith and Rachel Evans Staff: Director of Parks John Shelton and Assistant Director of Parks Elliot Wilburn,

RaeAnn Shoemaker called the meeting to order.

RaeAnn announced that this meeting would be her last and that she would be resigning from the Board. She said that she thought they Board was in good hands and that she has had a great 10 years on the Board.

Max Meckem made a motion to approve the June 8<sup>th</sup> minutes. The motion was seconded by Doug Smith. All approved.

#### Election of Officers:

RaeAnn Shoemaker made a motion to elect Carrie Plassmeyer as President. The motion was seconded by Doug Smith. All approved.

Carrie Plassmeyer made a motion to elect Dan Mizell as Vice President. The motion was seconded by Ramsey Stewart. All approved.

Carrie Plassmeyer made a motion to elect Heather Shadel as Secretary. The motion was seconded by Max Meckem. All approved.

#### Ballfield Lights:

Elliot Wilburn reported to the Board that they had previously approved the purchase of ballfield lights at Atchley Park in the amount of \$409,395, but since the department didn't have the funds at the time, they were unable to purchase the lights then. The new bid for the lights from Gameday Lighting is \$425,897.

Max Meckem made a motion to approve the bid from Gameday Lighting in the amount of \$425,897 for light at Atchley Park. The motion was seconded by Doug Smith. All approved.

#### Sports Fields:

John reported to the Board that he would like to look into the possibility of turfing the infields at Atchley and Nelson Park. He said last year they got a ballpark estimate of \$2.5 million for doing the infields of all 10 fields. He thinks with all the tournaments we are bringing in this

could be a huge opportunity to capitalize and bring in even more teams. Elliot stated that talking with the owner of the company that runs the tournaments that they would be able to add a couple of tournaments in March and have one every weekend in April. John said he could talk to the finance department about the possibility of a payment plan if the price comes in at a number the Board is happy with.

**Staffing:**

John commented that after this season the pool manager would be leaving and that we would need to look at options for a manager next year. In the past it has been a position that had someone new almost every year and John would like the position to be more consistent. His recommendation would be to add a full time person to the park staff that works Tuesday-Saturday during the busy season that would be responsible for managing the pool, keeping the pool chemistry, and also be responsible for the weekend tournaments, While this would be an additional cost to the parks with benefits and pay he thinks it would be money well invested especially with the trouble they are having in finding seasonal workers. The suggested title was Maintenance Recreation Specialist, Carrie Plassmeyer commented that the title should just be Recreation Specialist and the Board agreed.

**Comments from the Board:**

Doug asked if any more talk about the plans of the Boswell Aquatic Center had happened. John answered that the citizen survey had just been sent out and that results from that would lead the way on possible plans for the aquatic center. Dan asked about any discussions about the parks taking back the indoor pool from the YMCA. John said that would be more of a city council decision, but he hasn't head of any discussions. Ramsey Stewart asked about the department's involvement with the downtown pocket park. John answered that as of now that is more of a downtown business district and city administration project.

**Comments from the Public:**

John thanked RaeAnn for all of her hard work on the Park Board and said that she would be greatly missed.

Carrie Plassmeyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Max Meckem. All approved.



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Park Board President, RaeAnn Shoemaker