**Austin Parks Board Meeting**

**Agenda & Minutes April 4th 2022 6:00 pm**

**Call to Order- 6:01 PM**

**Members present- Holland, Hale, Baker, Buchanan, White, and CJ White (20 minutes late)**

**Guests – Freeman Weaver**

**Review March minutes and approve. Hale Moved to approve, Holland Seconded, Vote 5-0.**

**Old Business**

1. **DNR- Application submitted to Federal DNR December 1st. . Waiting on results. Next update in March. Call Melissa Woods- No news is good news. FYI**
2. **Fencing at Spicertown Park working with trustee all money encumbered. Waiting on weather. FYI**
3. **Double wide issue still open. It has sold, will be removed in near future. FYI**
4. **Formally asked for a street light at 6th and Cross. No feedback from City Hall No movement- Need to formally ask City Council White and/or Buchanan will attend City Council Meeting next Tuesday**
5. **Need to meet with city and consultant, Baker and Tilley, on option to impose a park tax levy on new home construction- Buchanan and White will follow up with Mayor Hawkins. Need to reach out to Chris Fugate- President Buchanan has a list of items to follow up with Chris Fugate- Hopefully Tuesday 4/5/22**
6. **When the sidewalk work starts we want align with putting electric along HWY 31- Shared this with City Council Work will start soon. FYI**
7. **When we get the DNR grant, we need to work with city to get a construction access to the proposed property acquisition through either North or Rural St. No movement. Need to discuss with city attorney. FYI**
8. **Netting on Large field- Discussed in detail along with other Baseball field needs. White move to approve $2,000.00 for items recommended by President Buchanan, with condition we approach Baseball board about sharing some costs. All material is on site Shane Terry was contacted over a week ago, no movement**
9. **Manaugh Pond treatment. Waiting on more details from supplier, who was on site the previous day. Review quote. - Proposal from Aquatic Control reviewed proposal to test and treat very two weeks from April thru September. Hale moved to approve, White Seconded Vote 5-0 $3,824.00 will come out of Christie fund.**
10. **Decide on How to handle Nuisance Geese- Options discussed, Ishmael White will contact DNR certified lists of Waterfowl Control Operators to get costs and options. Ishmael White to follow up on estimates to trap and relocate and to Trap and Euthanize**
11. **Dedication of Campbell Park, Who, When, How April 23rd, 11:00 am. We will Publicize and contact guests. Buchanan to put in paper. White will contact guests**

New Business:

1. **Loam for Ball Field in here- Some has already been applied- Fields are looking great. Thanks to Freeman. Baseball association agreed to share expenses.**
2. **Baseball and Softball Plans- Shawn Hurt and Freeman Weaver- Games start May 2nd and end June 8th, 3 days a Week (Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday) rain outs to be made up on Thursdays. 4 games per night start time 5:00 pm.**
3. **Water is on, Shelter house is open, and Putt Putt is out-FYI**
4. **Removing sod on Main field. - Decided to take action after season. White made motion with stipulation that we focus on drainage and erosion, and CJ white seconded vote 6-0.**
5. **Lawn mower plan. - Decided to buy mower for exclusive use of park and give the 2 existing to street department. Will wait until fall for pricing and to insure we have the funds.**
6. **New and old sign have conflict on hours. What should we do? Correct the large sign times. Ishmael White will do it.**
7. **Centerstone asked to use shelter on May 14th. Yes at no charge White made motion, Hale seconded vote 6-0**
8. **Walk- INS:**
9. **We need a plan for moving the playground equipment that was donated by the school. White to get bid from local rigger.**
10. **One set of aluminum bleachers on the middle field have significant damage on bottom row. Need to see if there is extra sets to the sewer plant**
11. **Bathroom opening and cleaning- Glen Hollan will do it.Hale made motion, Baker seconded vote 6-0. Buchanan to reach out to baseball association to help with this cost.**

**Adjourn: 7:25 pm**