CITY OF MOUNTAIN BROOK PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MINUTES June 14, 2022

The City of Mountain Brook Parks & Recreation Board met at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at City Hall.

Board Members Present:	Brian Lucas Elizabeth Dunn Dean Nix Aimee Reese	David Price Meredith Waldrop	
Board Members Absent:	Charles Carper Helen Drennen Trent Wright		
Others Present:	Sam Gaston Garett Crapia Brad Hart Allen Jones LaTorya Mines	Virginia Smith Katherine Shepherd Ronnie Vaughn Shanda Williams	Ralph Yielding Sally Yielding Heather Young Jackson Young

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Brian Lucas called the meeting to order and asked for approval of May 10, 2022 meeting minutes. Upon a motion made by David and seconded by Dean, the minutes for May 10, 2022, were approved.

1. Park Director's Report – Shanda Williams.

Parks:

- Jemison Trail:
 - Parking Spaces: We received a quote for \$72,000 and are stunned. We are trying to see what changes we can make to get this to a reasonable amount.
- <u>Watkins Trail:</u> We are about to place a pipe under the trail to catch some runoff that has been eroding the trail. We have made adjustments to some other places to make it flow better.
- <u>Canterbury Park:</u> I am working with Dale Brasher and surrounding neighbors and garden clubs to develop a master plan for improvements at Canterbury Park. We will be meeting with them soon to narrow down ideas. Some ideas include a water fountain, better picnic tables, and landscaping.

<u>Sports Fields</u>:

- <u>Complex Improvements: (Phase 2)-Clements Dean</u>
 - The Grand Opening Ceremony turned out great! The complex looked good and there were a lot of people in attendance, even a helicopter.
 - Clements Dean is still working on the punch list of small details to finish
 - The security cameras are in the process of being installed.

- <u>Field 1-Morris-Shea</u>:
 - All of the concrete is done.
 - The restroom/concession building is complete except for the concession stand window. There is a temporary window in place until the correct one arrives.
 - They also have temporary nets in place in the batting cage until the special ordered ones arrive.
 - We are also waiting on the bleacher shades.
 - We will be ordering bleachers for the smaller corner fields.
 - There is a drainage issue on the field. The water is not draining fast enough and is causing puddles on the field. We are trying to see what is causing that and find a solution.
- <u>Cherokee Bend Field-Duncan and Thompson:</u>
 - They have been working on the punch list. They should be completely done and ready for the final inspection soon.

<u>General news</u>:

- FY-2023 Budget: First drafts of the budget are due June 22.
- Trees: We have several dead trees to remove from the parks and several that fell in the recent storms that have had to be removed as well.
- New Employee: We have hired a new laborer, Chase Crane. We have more openings if you know anyone that would be interested, full time or seasonal.
- Donated bench: We just placed a bench at MBE that was approved some time ago. It is located by the main entrance to the field from Heathermoor Road.

2. Sports Report –

Jim Jeter – MB Soccer – Per Brian Lucas; Soccer is finishing up their summer program. They will be idle for a minute then start up fall ball.

Brad Hart – **MBA Sports** - Brad reported MBA is finish with Baseball and softball. The 7 year old tournament was played at MB Sports complex and storms didn't prevent play because of the new artificial turf fields. They are in the process of changing websites. Should be up and running for flag football.

Tom McKnight – **MB LAX** – Meredith reported the regular season is over. Travel teams are still playing. They are changing their app. The goal is to make the whole system more parent/user friendly.

3. Old Business – Lightning Detector – Brian Lucas

Brian reported he had a firsthand experience with a lightning detector. It was not a pleasant experience. It was very loud. Many participants at the field didn't know what it was. The system picked up on storms that weren't in the vicinity causing people to ignore them. He recommends postponing this purchase and doing more research.

4. New Business – Sidewalk Discussion – Ralph Yielding

Mr. Yielding stated he has walked approximately 494 streets in the city limits between Labor Day and Thanksgiving. He thinks it is great to be able to walk to schools

and places of worship in the city using sidewalks. The bridge in Jemison was a great addition.

– Eagle Scout Prj. Owl boxes – Jackson Young

Jackson Young presented his plan to the park board. He tweaked the design for the Owl boxes. Most notably he changed his building material from Plywood to Cedar Wood. He plans to space out the locations of the boxes due to owls being territorial in nature. Public Works will assist with installation using their bucket truck. Upon a motion made by David and 2nd by Meredith Jackson Young's Eagle Scout Project was approved.

General Discussion – Meredith stated the lights were randomly coming on at MBE. Shanda will check it out. David asked if we had plans for more restrooms? We are looking at putting one at the Tot Lot and MBJH is the last field that doesn't have one.

5. Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:45 p.m.

6. Schedule next meeting: Next meeting at City Hall on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.