

\*\*\*UNOFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES\*\*\*

WILL BE REVIEWED AND APPROVED AT NEXT BOARD MEETING

04/06/2022 Blue River Park Board Monthly Meeting

Called to Order @ 7:11PM

**Board Members Present:** Josh Cloke, Tony Casad, Melanie Stanley, Jim Parks

**Public Present:** Judy Casad (Blue River Resident)

**Agenda Approval:**

**Melanie. motions, Tony C., 2<sup>nd</sup>, All in Favor, Passes Unanimously**

**Secretary's Report**

Minutes provided to Board ahead of meeting, available to public upon request. Jim., Motions to approve, Josh C., 2<sup>nd</sup>, All in favor, passes unanimously.

**Public Comments:**

None

**Park Status Report:**

Need to get a card for Joel to Thank him for the generous gift (\$22,000) and everything they have done above and beyond for the Park. Also would like to have something in the Park for him, Suulutaaq.

Frisbee Golf: Shadee sent text to Tony so he's presenting on behalf of him. Tony C., met with Shadee and walked the park and said we could run a really nice 9 hole recreational disc-golf course in the area we had available. Might have the ability to get us baskets and the course material at a discount. Tony and Jim were enthusiastic after the meeting. Jim, said he wasn't very optimistic before the meeting but afterwards that he feels it would be a good addition to the Park. Little to no impact anything we have already or that we have in any future plans. Tony has concerns that there may be an issue with follow through and getting things up and going. Shadee says there is a way to use horse stall mats to make the whole course more portable and less permanent. Little to no upkeep, and the majority of it is the landscape stuff that we'll already be taking care of. We will wait for an actual presentation from Shadee before we make a decision.

**Park Rules:**

Discussion regarding the rules and what should be included, Melanie still has heavy objection to the no driving in the park and the fact that it will limit access for people with mobility issues. She says if you are not in a wheelchair or mobility device, that having to walk all the way from the gate or proposed parking area to the various areas of the park isn't exactly accessible. Not everyone that's needing accessibility is only in a wheelchair or mobility device. Tony and Josh both disagree and say that there is ample access for those with disabilities and that in the redesign there will be accessible paths etc and that if someone needs to drive into the park that they can contact a Board member or the on site host (once we have one) to obtain that. Melanie cautioned against alienating a section of the community and that

guaranteeing equal and adequate access to the park doesn't mean that a disabled member of our community should have to make special arrangements to use the park that everyone else can simply show up and use. Melanie has very strong feelings about the park re-design and bollards and all the changes that are going to make it harder for people with mobility issues, similar to her own, to readily access the park without the added stress. Tony and Josh both reiterated that people have said they prefer no vehicles in the park for safety reasons, that the people who caused the most damage in the park in the last however many years were all people who'd driven in in their cars, and that the final re-design was fully ADA compliant. Melanie disagrees about the level of accessibility, since she has a disability, she has a little different perspective and reiterated that equal and adequate access doesn't just mean that people can get to a picnic table, it means they can fully access the park and it's amenities in the same way that other able bodied can and not have to request that access.

Tony C., Motions to approve park rules, with addition of Pets in the off-leash area, Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>, All In favor, Passes by vote of majority. Melanie did not vote for or against.

Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for 4/16/2022, Young Life requested the space.

Park Design Draft #2: Audrey is revising the Draft, making a 2<sup>nd</sup> survey, and we will have another meeting to go over the revised design. Date tentatively is April 30, 2022 by Zoom. Survey hopefully out by the 18<sup>th</sup> of April so it'll give 2 weeks for people to answer the survey.

Stage Replacement: Everything is framed and ready to go, has a nice, rounded design, should be poured by Easter. 40ft wide, 30ft deep, with electrical conduit running to it so we have the ability to hook stuff up.

Update on Log: John Parazoo is gonna haul the Log, need to find a sawyer who can cut an 8ft log.

Submission of Outdoor, Wildfire, and Tourism Grant status: Have a few grants we're looking at and will be looking to the former CDC to help with some grant stuff once they get their grant writer on board.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

**Checking: \$6384.00      Spec Project: \$3770.00      Savings: \$39,284.00      GIP: \$7777.42**

**Bills: \$120.00      Total Assets: \$57,717.42      Balance After Bills: \$6627.00**

**Deposit to be Made: \$22,000.00 (Donation)**

Treasurer's report provided to Board prior to meeting, available to public upon request, Josh C. motions to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the bills, Josh C., 2<sup>nd</sup>, All approved, passes unanimously.

#### **Chairs Report:**

Plan amendment still in works

Grills in the park need to be replaced or just removed. Will need to decide as we go.

Jim motions we change the meeting time for the Park Board to 7:15pm, Josh C. 2<sup>nd</sup>, All in Favor, Passes Unanimously. Melanie will set up Zoom with new times and put out a notice on the FB page.

Adjourned @ 8:08pm