

HANOVER PARK BOARD *meeting* minute March 5, 2024

Those in attendance: Debbie Kroger, Treva Shelton, Ben Sommers, Tim Buxton, Scott Davidson, Coby Cloud, Don Williams and Bob Demaree.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

DNR PROJECT Town employees are moving lots of dirt and millings. Buildings 1 & 2 almost done. Building 3 They are still working on the siding. The lights on field #2 will go up soon. Concrete has been poured. Kenny Garrett reported that the building 1 & 2 bathrooms need handicap hand rails, painting inside and outside, light switches need to be moved and metal doors need to be installed. Doors also still needed for building 3.

NON DNR PROJECTS Additional cameras have been installed at the park and some have been repositioned. Outfield fencing on Field #2 needs replaced. It was installed in 2021 but has issues. US Premier is going to partner with us again by donating the posts and maybe the fencing. Our only cost would be a professional installation done by Cain Fencing at a cost of \$4650. Those dollars would come from the recently donated money from the Hanover Coed Softball group. The overall project's value is over \$10,000. We are also hoping to get a backstop installed on our teeball field...our FIELD OF DREAMS.

HANOVER PARKS DEPARTMENT MERCHANDISE Scott reported that Suzy Sanders from Suzy's Customs is working on merchandise that will be sold online as well as onsite.. This would include shirts, hats, lanyards and stickers. Pricing is still being finalized

FIELD RENTAL & FEE STRUCTURE Scott reported that he actually started working on a fee structure and lease agreement back in 2021. Now with the improvements at the park, the opportunities to have addition use of the fields is very likely. The lease agreement would include what the Lessor's responsibilities would be and what the Lessee's responsibilities would be along with associated costs. Also the agreement should include a certificate of liability insurance. More work needs to be done

PROGRAMS

HANOVER PARKS DEPARTMENT'S GIRLS BASKETBALL program over 30 girls participated with the league wrapping up February 5th. Special thank yous go out to the Southwestern School system for allowing us to use their facilities and to teams that came in to play against our teams...Pope John, New Washington and Switzerland County.

FEE INCREASES At a previous meeting, Scott requested that the park board/town council consider increasing sponsorship fees for teams and banners. Currently, a team sponsorship is \$200, a banner sponsorship is \$200 and the combo sponsorship is \$300. The proposed increase would be Team sponsorship \$250, Banner Sponsorship \$250 and combo sponsorship \$400. No participation fee increase was requested. That request was approved but it has not decreased the number of team and banner sponsorships. So far 22 team, 19 banner (15 of those are combo sponsors) and we have 6 brand new sponsors. Plus we've added a BACKSTOP BANNER SPONSORSHIP a 4 X 10 banner for \$500 We have 4 \$500 sponsors...Steinhardt Enterprises, Arvin Sango, North Madison Christian Church and Madison Precision Products

BASEBALL & SOFTBAL SIGNUPS Those began in early February. Thru the month of February we have 108 kids signed up...that compares to 69 thru February in 2023. Right now there are 115 kids signed up. The deadline is March 27th. In 2023, there were 498 participants by opening day.

CONCESSIONS 2023 Scott also presented a detailed report concerning concessions income and expenses for 2023. Previously it was reported that concessions lost \$10,000 to \$12,000. Which is not the case. Taking in all the sales from basketball, baseball & softball, midsummer, soccer and some misc we sold \$19,328 expenses for the year which included product and staff totaled \$23034 A difference of \$3700. WE CAN DO BETTER Our prices were too low. Scott again requested that the board/council not give our concessions to an outside group.

SUMMER STAFFING The process has begun in securing our staff for the upcoming baseball & softball season. Many from the previous year have indicated they would like to return. Umpires, scorekeepers/announcers, concessions and field maintenance. Workout week is April 1st. Team drafts will follow then practices leading up to OPENING DAY on Monday May 20th!!!!

The annual EASTER EGG HUNT at Hanover Park is scheduled for March 23rd from 11-2. First hunt will begin at 11:15am. Several thousand eggs have been stuffed with candy by several volunteers...

The next Hanover Park Board meeting is scheduled for April 2nd at 5:30pm

		
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