

## **HANOVER PARK BOARD *meeting* minute November 7, 2023**

Those in attendance: Debbie Kroger, Kenny Garrett, Treva Shelton, Ben Sommers, Tim Buxton, Scott Davidson, Megan Varble, Coby Cloud and Devin Sharp.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**DNR PROJECT** Work has begun on Buildings 1, 2 & 3. Building 3 will have two garage doors for easier access. The lights are going up on the tennis and basketball courts. Four additional lights have been ordered for the tennis courts. Also 60' light poles have been ordered for field 2. Those will take about 6 weeks to arrive.

**3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL HANOVER CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR** presented by the Hanover Parks Department will take place Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10-4 in the SW Elementary gym. Our goal is to have 40 vendors. So far will have 25.

**PARK BENCH PLAQUES** Information has been gathered for the plaques for the Wood family, the Senior Citizens and the Jefferson County Veterans Council. Treva is waiting to hear back from the McNeely family for their input. THE PRAYER BENCH is being renamed the MAGGIE BURR MEMORIAL PRAYER BENCH in memory of Maggie Burr who passed away a few months ago. She was a big proponent of the so-called PRAYER BENCH.

**PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE** Some maintenance is needed for two of our playgrounds at Hanover Park. A bucket swing at playground 1 and a landing mat at the bottom of the slide at playground 2. Both are available from Snider Recreation who services BURKE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT. Also the DOME at playground 2 needs to be replaced. It has already been removed because it was broken. The Board suggested before approving a new dome to see if the side domes can be removed to allow better visibility in that area.

**VETERANS TREE** We are in the process of purchasing a tree to plant near the proposed Veterans Garden. This tree would be decorated yearly and will be paid for by funds collected in 2022 at the Southwestern schools as part of their DIMES FOR DREAMS. The hope is to have the tree purchased and planted before the next park board meeting.

### **PROGRAMS**

**YOUTH SOCCER** for the third year, we partnered with the JCSA to provide U6, U8, U10 soccer at Hanover Park. We had 3 teams in each of our divisions. There are over 70 total number of kids participating Soccer matches were played at the park and concluded November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**HANOVER WOMENS FALL SOFTBALL** This is year 2. We had 4 teams playing games on Wednesday nights at the park on Field 3 This program concluded October 25<sup>th</sup>. There is definitely interest in having a Spring/Summer league plus the ladies would like to start their Fall league in August.

**HANOVER PARKS DEPARTMENT'S GIRLS BASKETBALL program** sign ups are underway for our third year of offering a winter girls basketball program. It's designed for girls ages 4/5 thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Games and practices will take place in the gyms at Southwestern Schools. A big thank you goes out to the Sw School corporation. Workouts start November 9<sup>th</sup>. We have 30 girls signed up so far.

**HANOVER COED SOFTBALL GROUP** hosted a tournament October 21<sup>st</sup> and their next tournament is November 11<sup>th</sup>. Their annual TOYS FOR TOTS. The entry fee this year includes a bicycle. They have already collected about 25 bikes that will be donated to the Hanover Parks Department to be distributed to area youth. The HANOVER COED SOFTBALL GROUP has also donated 3 batting mats and 2 Z-screen pitcher's nets. They also plan on making their traditional end of the year donation to help offset the cost of purchasing equipment. Also, the Hanover Parks Department has received their yearly \$1500 donation from the Hanover Township Trustee's office to help offset the cost of needed equipment. We also received a \$200 donation from New Hope Baptist church to help purchase additional catcher's gear

#### **EVENT COORDINATORS REPORT**

**SENIOR CITIZENS** Next trip November 20<sup>th</sup> to LIGHTS UNDER LOUISVILLE followed by lunch at Cracker Barrels

**PARTY IN THE PARK** 10/7 11-4 REALLY GOOD TURNOUT Community give-back FREE event.. food, bouncey houses, face painting, Kona Ice and more. SW schools donated buns.. Special thanks to HOOSIER BOUNCERS, AMAZING FACE PAINTING, KONA ICE and the SW GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM. The event did receive a \$1000 grant from the Mike Hesse Memorial Endowment thru the Community Foundation

**SPOOKTACULAR** 10/21 from 530-730 followed by a Halloween movie ADDAMS FAMILY 2. The booths were set up around the big shelter house. 20 area businesses participated. GREAT TURNOUT . Special thanks to the KINDNESS group and LANTHIER WINERY.

**VETERAN'S DINNER** November 11<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7 Chili, hot dog bar and desserts provided by the Seniors  
**THE TINSEL TWINKLE TRAIL** should be ready to light up the park trail the week of Thanksgiving. Special thank yous to LANTHIER WINERY and the IVY TECH welding program for helping create and set up the display

**THE 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL HOLLY JOLLY SANTA CELEBRATION** scheduled for Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 7 in the community building. Decorating will begin the week of November 27<sup>th</sup>. This event is put on by the not-for-profit organization HANOVER HAPPY HOLIDAYS. This will include to very popular SUGAR PLUM BAKE-OFF. Winners to be announced at 6:30. The Hanover Seniors will be selling cookies at the event as a fundraiser

All park banners and soccer equipment has been cleaned and stored in anticipation of another great year in 2024

The next Hanover Park Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday December 5, 2023 at 530pm.

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