

Manchester Parks and Recreation Department
Recreation Commission Meeting
May 13, 2021

The Manchester Recreation Commission met on Thursday, May 13, 2021, at the Recreation Center. Members present were Mayor Marilyn Howard, Chair Prater Powell, Brent Parsley, Stan Rogers, Leslie Trussler, Parks and Recreation Director Bonnie Gamble, and Assistant Parks and Recreation Director A.J. Fox.

Chairman Prater Powell opened the meeting asking for approval of minutes from the April 15, 2021 meeting. Brent Parsley made a motion to approve. Stan Rogers second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Program Report

- Summer Day Camp will operate June 1 - July 31 with no break for the July 4th holiday, due to July 4th being a on a Sunday this year. Registration for the program is almost full for all weeks.
- Swim lessons will operate June 7 - July 31 in two-week sessions.
- Athletic camps scheduled for June are basketball camp, outdoor camp, and soccer camp.
- Common John 5K and Cornhole tournament is scheduled for Saturday, June 26.
- Fourth of July activities will take place on Sunday, July 4. A.J. is in the process of securing musical entertainment.

Maintenance Report

- Some of the parts for the lap pool boiler are in. There is currently not an estimated delivery date for the remainder of the parts.
- Fan compressor motors were replaced on the chiller and two more were found that need replaced. Trane is sending a quote for replacement of the two additional fan compressor motors.
- Outdoor pool is ready for the season. First school party is scheduled for Friday, May 14. The outdoor pool will open to the public on Thursday, May 27.
- Dirt has washed onto the outdoor fitness obstacle course. Maintenance staff is going to pressure wash the surfacing and install a drainage ditch with the aid of the Public Works Department to divert water when it rains.
- Maintenance has been performing minor repairs and is waiting on the metal to install on the press box staircases in Fred Deadman Park to make them comply with safety codes.
- The Industrial Board and the Democratic Party are wanting to plant trees with signage in remembrance of Mayor Norman at Riverview park area.

Unfinished Business

- Grants
 - Diabetes B grant for the outdoor club and healthy concessions ends June 30, 2021. The outdoor/bike club have an overnight trip scheduled for June 2 - 4, to Booker T. Washington State Park and Enterprise South Nature Park.
 - Diabetes A Grant: The concrete foundation for the farmers market is scheduled for completion in two weeks.
 - The TDOT greenway grant is still waiting on the NEPA wetlands delineation survey to be completed.
 - The Healthy Built Environment Grant to fund the outdoor basketball court will start July 1, 2021. The current plan for the outdoor basketball court is to extend an existing outdoor court that is on the campus of Westwood Elementary School.
 - The Fit & Strong program is still active.
- Reviewing and accepting a naming policy for the parks and recreation department: Prater Powel asked that approval of the policy be postponed until the next meeting. Brent Parsley made a motion to postpone the approval of the naming policy until the next meeting. Leslie Trussler second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Interviews for applicants for the Assistant Parks and Recreation Director will be held next week. Mayor Howard, Chair Prater Powell, Alderman Nickels, and A.J. Fox will conduct interviews. Copies of the applicants' resumes were given to the commission for review.
- Opening of bids for the cardio and strength lease agreements are May 23.
- The fiscal budget for 2021 - 2022 has some significant cuts for the department. The proposed budget has the department starting out in the negative. The proposed budget will have to pass two readings in order to be approved.

New Business

- Discussion was held on naming the Riverview park area in honor/memory of Mayor Lonnie Norman. Brent Parsley made a motion that the area be named in memory of Mayor Lonnie Norman. Stan Rogers second the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Bonnie Gamble is going to discuss with the family if they prefer the park being named "Mayor Lonnie Norman Park" or Mayor Lonnie Norman Memorial Park".

Chairman Prater Powell set the next meeting for Thursday, June 10, 2021, at Noon.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,



A.J. Fox

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director