

Manteno Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting

Wednesday May 19, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Roll Call: Lori Keigher, Renee Cushman, Mike Piontkowski, Sam Martin,
Maurice Re

Absent: Ray Chamberlain, Diane Dole, Jim Hanley, Bill Johnson

Approval of Past Minutes: Previous minutes could not be approved at this date. They will be reviewed at our next meeting.

Parks Update:

Belcher Park: no updates

Eagles Landing Park: no updates

Eddie Reed Park: no updates

Farmers Market/Merchants Park: no updates

Hendrickson Park: no updates

Heritage Park: path design underway, new lights installed, repaired sign wall

Phipp's Garden: landscaper hired to maintain area

Jacobs Park: path design underway

Legacy Park: no updates

Ruder Park: no updates

Thies Park: trees removed on west side of park, pickle ball court construction underway

Wright Park: path design underway

Main St. Plaza: landscaper hired to maintain area

Square on Second & Park: no updates.

Memorial Park: fixing pergola in the center of park, landscaper hired to maintain area

Rock Creek: seeded the open field with wildflower and prairie grass

Additional info: Tiles repaired on west end

Parks Planning:

Additions and upgrades for Second Street were discussed.

It was recommended installing a band shelter with restroom facilities at the Square on Second location.

It was also recommend installing a sidewalk on one side of South Creek Drive to fill in the gaps and have a smooth walkway between the Dairy Queen and McDonalds.

It was mentioned that some caps need to be repaired at Legacy park due to wind damage.

Also mentioned was the appreciation of the new string lights on Division Street.

Regarding the additional green space at Thies Park of over 3.0 acres, the Parks

Commission recommended additional equipment that would be of interest to adults. This could include shuffle board, permanent bean bag toss, a putting green, and additional adult exercise equipment similarly featured at Legacy Park. Also additional parking may be needed at this location.

Old/Other Business: Discussion of acquiring musical instrument park equipment.

Also discussed was a dog park.

Next Meeting: June 16, 2021 at 7:00pm. June 16th Park visit at 6:30 PM to be determined.

Adjournment 7:50 PM