



CITY OF FISHERS MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OR COMMISSION: Parks Advisory Committee
DATE: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 6:00pm
SCHEDULE: Regular Meeting
LOCATION: Fishers Pavilion Conference Room

The Fishers Parks Advisory Committee meets quarterly, the first Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Fishers Pavilion Conference Room, unless specified otherwise.

1. Meeting Called to Order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:04pm.
2. Approval of January 2021 PAC Meeting Minutes; Kurt Kluempers moved to approved. Jessica Dickinson second. Minutes approved unanimously.
3. Call to the Public (for items not on the agenda)
4. Parks and Recreation Monthly Report – Sarah Sandquist, Director
 - Offering new programming at the Maker Playground at the Hub and Spoke location which is slated to open May 22. This will be the new location for the Parks & Recreation Department! Kurt Kluempers asked if there would be a limit to how many memberships. Sarah Sandquist stated that we will monitor as we progress. It is more of a capacity at one time issue.
 - Spark!Fishers will be happening the last week of June with June 26th being the larger portion of the events.
 - Tuesday Concerts will be June and July and Friday Concerts will be July and August and are moving forward! We will most likely still have Covid “safe spacing” for those still concerned with Covid. If we need to limit attendance and/or dedicate square spaces as well, we will. Cindy Davis asked about the change that no longer allows BYOB during concerts. Sarah Sandquist stated that it is not permitted, via State Excise. Patrons can still bring outside food and drinks, just not alcohol.
 - Fireworks and Concert on July 4th.
 - Blast on the Bridge will move to September 11th this year, and maybe moving forward.
 - LOTS of summer camp offerings with many new options and locations. Some are full with waitlists, but others are available.
 - May 1st will be the first day of the Summer Farmers Market with the most vendors we have had to date. AgriPark is also opening May 1st with lots of

improvements, including parking improvements. We are also offering a Farm Share this year, which is a weekly subscription box June through September, with 50 shares available. We have quite a few already signed up and those 50 will be chosen via lottery.

- NP Trail is under construction and moving along on schedule. Bollards in place and cross arms are installed but waiting to turn on after permission is granted by Duke Energy. Kurt Kluempers asked if there will be connections from the trail to 131st Street and others along the trail, for safety and other reason. Sarah Sandquist stated that we have engineering working on these.
- The tunnel on 116th Street will begin June 1st and closed for 60 days. North side of 116th Street to be completed by the end of 2022 as well.
- AgriPark – we have u-pick boxes this year.
- Geist Waterpark groundbreaking upcoming. Phase 1 to begin soon.

5. Mudsock Youth Athletics

- Monday April 12th officially started spring sports exceeding our goal for registrations!
- Billerica Park rebuilt some mounds on eight fields with new irrigation in the upper pods.
- Shed needs some clearing.
- DPW added some electrical.
- Batting cages were repaired after storms.
- Fishers Health Department has given the go-ahead to Scott Spillman regarding Covid.
- Concessions have been approved.
- Opening Day softball/baseball will look a bit different. Softball opening day will be this weekend, next weekend will be baseball opening day.
- Adding a minifield in the northeast field by field 5.
- Fall registration will be offering field hockey for boys and girls.
- Scott Spillman has been working with the Steering Committee.
- Kurt Kluempers asked about using New Britton for soccer.
- Kim Sugg confirmed that they are back at New Britton.

6. Discussion and Information

- [Planting and Urban Forestry Guide update, presented by Andrew Magee and Megan Schaefer](#)
 - Kurt Kluempers asked who determines what is and is not native for the approved street trees. Danesa Stolz research what is native, what is invasive, what has been planted lately to make determinations, botanical garden information, Forestry Service, DNR, Purdue University, and many others. BONAC is a great resource to determine native species.
 - Kurt Kluempers stated that it would be good for us to post the references for the public. Danesa Stolz stated that the most important take away is if it is invasive or destructive. Andrew Magee and Danesa Stolz stated that there may be a way to mark those species that may not be suitable for resident use.

- Jessica Dickinson asked if there were any changes in the residential street tree planting regulations. Andrew Magee responded stating that to enforce any street tree violations, we would need to establish a code amendment. Street trees are no longer required for new residential development. Danesa Stolz stated that it may be worth having recommendations for residential trees for new and existing homes/residential buyers.
- Andrew Magee asked if PAC could approve as is, or please make suggestions. Kurt Kluempers suggested that they add something about species diversity and the common name for the tree species to simplify. Danesa Stolz stated that it may be possible. It just must be searchable, especially in reader mode.
- Cindy Davis asked PAC if we are interested in making a motion to approve now or approve it after modifications are made. Cindy Davis stated that we will wait until after the changes have been made, per PAC.

7. Discussion and Action

8. Discussion: Identify Items for Future Agendas – Dog Parks in the future. Encourage the public to attend.

9. Adjournment – Kurt Kluempers moved to adjourned, Jessica Dickinson second to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 6:00 PM - **TENTATIVE**

Location: Fishers Pavilion Conference Room, 10 Municipal Drive, Fishers

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