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## Town of Cicero Park Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 9/5/2024 at 5:00pm

- I. **Call to order:** Meeting was called to order by Mr. Strong at 5:00pm. Ms. Millis conducted roll call. Park Board members were present or absent as follows.

**Present:** Dan Strong

Mary Devlin

Amy Wolfe

**Absent:** Greg Bowman

- II. **Declare a Quorum Present:** Mr. Strong declared quorum with three members present.

- III. **Others Present:** Jim Hunter, Parks Superintendent

Sarah Millis, Parks Administrative Assistant

- IV. **Approval of Agenda:** Ms. Devlin motioned to approve the meeting agenda, Ms. Wolfe seconded, motion carried 3-0.

- V. **Approval of Prior Minutes:** Ms. Wolfe motioned to approve August meeting minutes, Ms. Devlin seconded, motion carried 3-0.

- VI. **Old Business:**

- a. **Grant Discussion:** Mr. Hunter and Ms. Millis discussed their meeting with the Gametime rep about the possible grant. Mr. Hunter went over the quotes and pricing and explained that the price of the equipment itself would have to be paid before the end of the year. Mr. Hunter recommended waiting until next year due to the overall cost; with it already being September, it is not the right time to put together funding. Mr. Hunter plans on trying to work with the Friends of the Park group to put together a crowd funding event. Mr. Strong recommended looking into the Park Impact Fees; however, in order to use those funds, it must be a completely new park area, not just replacing equipment.



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- b. Gas Tank Update:** Mr. Strong and Mr. Hunter met with Gasoline Equipment Company in regard to the gas tank replacement. Mr. Hunter covered the difference in cost between the above ground and below ground tank which is around \$100,000. Mr. Hunter and Mr. Strong believe that sticking with an Underground tank is the best option, which is expected to last 30-40 years even though it is more expensive. Mr. Hunter plans on speaking with the council the following week and begin moving forward with the project. The Board all agrees that the tank should stay underground.
  - c. Park Tours:** Park Tours with the board still need to be completed.
  - d. Berry Comm Shelter Discussion:** Mr. Hunter explained that the camera coverage near the North end of Community Park by the shelter is not very good. Berry Comm is going to run another line up to the shelter which will allow the Park to install more cameras. The cost will be \$20 added to the monthly Parks bill.
  - e. Fence Update:** All of the Stringtown ball fields fencing has been replaced and is being painted. The new dog park is still in the process of going up.
  - f. 5-Year Plan Update:** Mr. Hunter stated that there have been about 50 survey responses so far and that the Plan Update is still on track to be completed in October and submitted to the State.
- VII. New Business:**
- a. Police/ Fire Spaghetti Dinner:** Friends of the Park puts on this event and all donations will be given to the Police and Fire Department. All the food at the event is donated from local companies and restaurants.
  - b. Bench/ Seating Area:** At the Spaghetti Dinner, a new seating area out at Red Bridge Park is going to be dedicated to Jerry and Nancy Cook for their 60+ years of service to the Community.
  - c. Haunted Trail:** Friends of the Park are projecting another big year for the Haunted Trail in October.
- VIII. Miscellaneous:**
- a. House Demo:** The property west of the Pocket Park was purchased by the Town, and the Parks Department has been able to salvage a water heater and some electrical boxes from it before it is torn down.
  - b. Trees:** Engles Tree Moving is going to be moving 4 trees from various spots in the park into the new dog park. They are charging \$400 per tree.
- IX. Motion to Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Devlin, Ms. Wolfe seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm by Mr. Strong.



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X. **Signatures on Previous Meeting Minutes.**

XI. **Signatures of Board**

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\_\_\_\_\_ **Dan Strong** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Amy Wolfe** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Mary Devlin** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Greg Bowman** \_\_\_\_\_

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Jim Hunter, Parks Superintendent**

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**Sarah Millis, Parks Administrative Assistant**