

Sherwood Parks & Recreation Meeting
April 10, 2023
6:00 pm

The Sherwood Parks and Recreation Committee met for their monthly meeting on Monday, April 10, 2023. Charlie Harmon called the meeting to order. Committee members present: Charlie Harmon, Mike Sanders, Shelby Thomas, Denny Tipton and Leonard Smith. Absent: Scott Gann and Bruce Mason. Also in attendance: Blake Calloway, Mayor Mary Jo Heye-Townsell, Tonya Bell and Dianna Price.

Minutes:

March 13, 2023 minutes were read for approval. Mike Sanders made the motion to approve the March 13th minutes. Denny Tipton seconded the motion. Charlie Harmon, Mike Sanders, Shelby Thomas, Denny Tipton and Leonard Smith unanimously approved the motion.

New Business:

Storm Damage - Blake said as badly as the storm was, our facilities were not damaged, but there was a lot of tree damage. There are twenty-five trees down at the golf course, our guys are getting them cut up and moved. A tree fell on the back tennis court at Henson that bent one of the light poles and the fence. Cherrywood had two trees down, the roof of the playground is nowhere to be found.

Facility Usage Updates - We have had an influx of people coming to play and bringing their leagues to the tennis center. Burns Park has reached out about their coaches teaching lessons at the tennis center. They will be teaching lessons at Henson Park so it would not impede our new pro.

Blake said he talked to Dawn Darter and the golf course is busy taking people from Burns Park and Rebsamen golf courses.

Jacksonville men's softball league has reached out to play at our ballpark. They will be playing on Wednesdays. Once the high school season is over, they will also play on Tuesdays.

Blake said the Easter Egg Hunt was a success. There was not a parking spot available. The mayor said she attended the sensory hunt and how important it is for the kids. They are planning to keep the sensory hunt at the tennis center and move the big egg hunt to city hall. Having the egg hunt at the tennis center exposed people to the tennis center.

Old Business:

Project Updates:

Indianhead Park Update - Blake said they are ahead of schedule. There was a tree down from the storm that fell in the middle of the forms for pickleball. Blake said his guys were planning to take care of the tree Monday, but their people had already chopped and removed the tree on Sunday. The courts are formed and the electrician was there today. Twenty-eight days after they pour the courts, they will be able to surface them. Once they finish at Indianhead they will go to Henson. PCC Sports is the company doing the job and we are really impressed with their work.

Sports Complex - The restrooms should be completed Thursday and opening ceremonies will be on Friday night. The restrooms look great. The people will be able to tell something that has been done.

Old Henson Park – The restrooms are open. Blake said he told the committee at last month's meeting that the concrete was going to be poured the next day. We had to relieve the individual doing the work. Our crew poured the concrete and put the drainage in. We need to add a little dirt work and sod and it will look good. Blake said the restrooms are open from 7am to 10pm daily.

Greens at North Hills – Blake said last month the committee wanted to see in writing what was discussed.

- Closed Monday for maintenance purposes (unless Dawn authorizes)
- Youth fees \$10 (17 & under)
- Free Sept. - May after 4pm
- Free June - August noon - 3pm
- SHHS - Golfers on the Active Roster can play anytime free if there are tee times available.

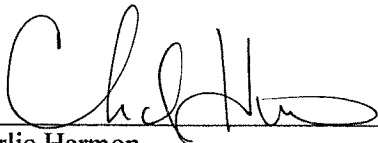
The mayor asked if the committee wanted to act on this and take it to the council. Mike Sanders made the motion to take Monday closing and fees to the council. Shelby Thomas seconded the motion. Charlie Harmon, Mike Sanders, Shelby Thomas, Denny Tipton and Leonard Smith unanimously approved the motion.

The mayor told the committee she had good news. She had an agreement with the city council that she would not go forward with the regional park until she secured land for the public works facility. She put in an offer, they countered her offer and she accepted the offer contingent upon city council approval. Half & Associates that worked on the preliminary designs of the public works will be coming tomorrow so she can show them the land and they can do the drawings showing how public works would fit on the land, which is much more land than the City has on Jacksonville Cato. The police chief and fire chief will attend the meeting because they need training facilities on the land as well and there is more than enough room to include these in the project. This land will serve three purposes instead of one. If the council approves this, we can move forward with designing the regional park. She wanted the committee to give her ideas for the park. She knew Scott Gann had been advocating for a pump track, Charlie Harmon for a skate park. Mike Sanders suggested swings, baggo and rest areas. Denny Tipton said volleyball courts or a vast area or building for basketball. Blake said there is definitely a need for volleyball.

Announcements:

- SHAC Opening Ceremonies this Friday at 6pm.
- Coffee with the Mayor, Saturday 9am, due to the tornado this will be all about the FEMA, small business administration and what the city is doing to help.
- Sherwood's 75th anniversary is April 22nd. The mayor said they are trying to get all the organizations, schools, churches and the community together for a big cleanup. This will help the people affected by the storm get their backyard debris to the curb. Walmart has talked about cooking hamburgers and hotdogs.

With no further business, Shelby Thomas made the motion to adjourn. Mike Sanders seconded the motion.



Charlie Harmon

Attest: Dianna Price