

Sherwood Parks & Recreation Meeting  
June 12, 2023  
6:00 pm

The Sherwood Parks and Recreation Committee met for their monthly meeting on June 12, 2023. Charlie Harmon called the meeting to order. Committee members present: Charlie Harmon, Bruce Mason, Denny Tipton, Scott Gann and Shelby Thomas. Absent: Leonard Smith and Mike Sanders. Also in attendance: Blake Calloway, Sean Pennington, Mayor Mary Jo Heye-Townsell, Julie Greene, Doug Greene and Dianna Price.

Minutes:

April 10, 2023 minutes were read for approval. Bruce Mason made the motion to approve the April 10<sup>th</sup> minutes. Denny Tipton seconded the motion. Charlie Harmon, Bruce Mason, Denny Tipton, Scott Gann and Shelby Thomas unanimously approved the motion.

New Business:

BHRC Program's Update – Julie Greene told the commission that we have two new programs.

Sherwood Volley partnered with Arkansas Volley. The rec league starts the end of August with registration open now thru August 16<sup>th</sup>. Volleyball will finish up just in time for the youth basketball to begin.

Developing Young Athletes by Layton. We have partnered with Jermaine Layton to have small group coaching in skills, strength and conditioning, nutritional advisor, tutoring and speech communication. To participate in this program, you must be a member of the BHRC. Mr. Layton has brought in 15 new family memberships in June. His program is twice a week in the gym and will continue through mid-October.

Julie said they are renting the rarely utilized game room to Hippos & Fish while they repair their building damaged by the tornado. They provide specialized pediatric therapy.

Pickleball has picked up a bit since school has been out as well as people asking to have the volleyball net up for open play. One morning we had basketball, volleyball and pickleball all going on at once.

Memberships are up 19% with room rentals being up 22% for the same period last year, January - May.

Charlie Harmon asked for more detail on the volleyball program. Blake said the program is for 2<sup>nd</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Blake said they are extremely excited. Arkansas Volley will be running the program. The BHRC will provide the facility. They have already opened the registration and several have signed up. Arkansas Volley is handling the registration, providing the coaches and refs. The mayor said they are paying us a certain amount per participant for the use of the facility. They are the experts in this area and they can run it. To her knowledge we are the only city that has a rec volleyball league.

Baseball/Softball Sports Complex Committee – Blake said they are looking at the baseball/softball complex as a whole due to problems last year and this year over issues of scheduling, programming, interaction between the city and the SHAC. We have put together a committee of individuals that we feel will be a great mix of people to speak about the history of the facility, where we want to go, what we want to do, what we want from our program, what we want for the park, do we want to be a tournament park, have leagues. It's divided up, the city has softball and the SHAC has baseball concessions. We want to make the facility and the programs the best as we can. There are twelve individuals on the committee: three from the P&R committee, three staff members, four members of the SHAC, three from the

community. With the help of this committee, we hope to come up with solutions to make the program better. The mayor said we have to start rethinking a lot of our programs in the way they are managed because trying to run things on a volunteer basis across the board it becomes disastrous. We need to morph into a different form. Blake asked if the committee had any suggestions for the meeting.

Old Business:

Sports Complex Restrooms – Sean Pennington said they are almost complete. They have a punch list that we're not backing off until it is right. The restrooms do look great.

Indianhead & Henson Park Renovation – The lights are scheduled to be at Indianhead tomorrow. The lights will go up and they will surface the courts. They will bring in the dirt, sod and do the final grading and get the parking lot sealed. We are pouring the pad for the new pavilion Wednesday.

Henson the metal is there for the fencing to go between the pickleball courts. They have to demo the old tennis nets put in the eight new pickleball nets. Sean said they are taking down the fence where the tree fell on it, the pole that was bent we are taking it out and having it repaired and putting it back in.

City Hall Pond – Sean said they will be out this week to mark all the utilities. The lights have been ordered. He is ordering the trail material.

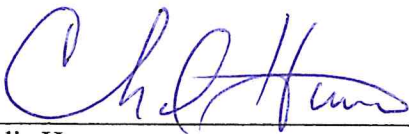
Announcements:

Hot Dogs with the Mayor and Chiefs – Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 11am at the City Hall Park. We will have the SWAT vehicle, police cars and firetrucks. Eagle bank is sponsoring the hot dogs and water.

4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration – Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm at the Greens at North Hills

The mayor said they are working on a potential grant for Lake Cherrywood Park. This would not be funded until next year. We are looking in putting in a full basketball court, making it ADA compliant so the Rolling Razorbacks can utilize it, putting in bathroom facilities and sidewalks. This is a 50/50 grant. We will have a public hearing on this at 5:30 Monday before the council meeting.

With no further business, Bruce Mason made the motion to adjourn.



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Charlie Harmon

Attest: Dianna Price