

MIDLAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 4, 2022
MIDLAND CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:00 P.M.

PROPOSED MINUTES

1) Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:____ p.m. by Chairperson Nancy Carney.

Pledge of Allegiance

2) Roll Call:

- a. MEMBERS PRESENT: Bartle, Billotti, Carlson, Carney, Montalbano, Rankin, Steidemann, Varela, Wang
- b. MEMBERS ABSENT:
- c. OTHERS PRESENT:

3) Welcome new Commissioner Ken Wang:

4) Minutes of March 1, 2021: _____ motioned, _____ seconded to receive minutes of the meeting of March 1, 2021. Motion passed ____-0.

5) Call to Audience: None

6) Northeast and Jefferson Middle School Kiwassee Lake Stewardship Project: Students from the middle schools gave a presentation on their water quality project they are conducting at Kiwassee Lake in Stratford Woods Park.

7) Park Rule update for allowing Class I e-bike usage at City Forest: Murphy reviewed the Commission's recommendation from their March meeting to allow Class I e-bikes at City Forest. Per State legislation, a public input meeting must be held to formalize this. Murphy presented an amendment to the Park Rules to allow Class I e-bikes on the City Forest trails. Once recommended by the Parks Commission, Murphy will take the amended Park Rules to City Council for a public input opportunity and approval. Murphy asked for a motion to recommend the amended Park Rules to City Council. _____ motioned, _____ seconded the motion and the motion passed ____ - 0.

8) Middle of the Mitt Miracle League update and Opening Day: Murphy shared a recent drone photo of the Miracle Field site and described additional improvements that will be in place prior to opening day. Murphy reported that 52 athletes are registered for the league with 140 volunteers registered to help to date. Marcie Post is leading a steering committee with 13

community volunteer that have helped develop the league structure and appropriate accommodations needed for all athletes to have a great experience. Murphy shared there will be four teams with two games played each Saturday through the end of June. Opening Day is Saturday, May 14 at 11:00 with an opening ceremony and two games to follow.

- 9) Division Report – Horticulture: Murphy shared that Horticulturist Stephanie Richardson was unable to attend the meeting and the update for horticulture will be provided at the next Parks & Recreation Commission meeting.

10) Project Reports

a. Poseyville Riverfront Renovation:

b. Midland Area Community Foundation grant for pedestrian handrail along riverfront trail behind Riverside Place:

c. Recreation update:

11) Old Business :

- 12) New Business: Murphy asked for a commissioner to volunteer to serve on a steering committee to develop a riverfront renovation plan through a public input process. Selina Tisdale is leading the effort for the City with the Downtown Development Authority.

- 13) Adjourn: Motioned by _____, seconded by _____ to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed ____– 0. Meeting adjourned at _____ p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen Murphy
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