

Monrovia Parks & Recreation Special Board Meeting
April 27, 2024
60 S Marley Way (Government Center),
Monrovia, IN 46157

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Board President Cora Collier, immediately followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The following Board members were present: Cora Collier, President; Members Jon Hayse, Brandi Brooks, and Lori Choate, and Secretary Danny Chenault. VP Brock Sears was absent.

Guests/Citizens: Kevin Collier, Dustin & Ashley Kaufman, Jada Kaufman, Austin Hunt.

Minutes: Board member Choate moved that the minutes from the April 2, 2024 Board meeting be approved as written, seconded by Board member Brooks. **The motion passed with (4 Aye).**

Public Comment: Kevin Collier was concerned regarding recent negative social media comments that inferred that the cost of the Park parking lot was a waste of taxpayer dollars. He clarified that the cost of the lot was paid by American Rescue Plan Act, Local Road & Street, and Motor Vehicle Highway funds.

Old Business:

- **Signage – Monrovia Community Park:** President Collier provided quote information (\$1,900) on a sign that contains the name of the park. Additional quotes will be requested in an attempt to bring the cost down. Member Hayse made a motion that up to \$2,000 be approved for the sign, seconded by member Brooks. **The motion passed with all in favor (4 Aye).** Additionally, the need for a gate/barricade to prevent vehicle traffic from entering the park was discussed. Member Choate moved that up to \$500 be authorized for the purchase/installation of device, seconded by member Hayse. **All were in favor (4 Aye) and the motion passed.**
- **Pavilion:** President Collier advised the Board that the Lion's Club had approved to fund up to \$10,000 for the purchase/installation of the Park pavilion. The Lion's Club would be paying the vendors/contractors directly. The goal is to have the pavilion constructed in time for the scheduled Park grand opening on June 8th.
- **Park Grand Opening Coordination:**
 - Grand Opening is scheduled for 8 June, 2024 from 11 am – 2 pm (ribbon cutting at 11 am).
 - Pricing needs to be obtained to have 2 porta-johns (1 ADA / 1 other) placed at the Park from May – October annually. Member Hayse moved that the Board proceed with renting the porta-johns, seconded by President Collier. **The motion passed with all in favor (4 Aye).**
 - Door Prizes: Several gift baskets need to be made to give away as door prizes. Danny/Maria Chenault will donate a grilling themed basket. Jada Kaufman will work on a summer/swim themed basket. Member Brooks will seek 1-2 additional basket donations.

- Grand Opening Announcements: Weekly on Monrovia Connect and the Town Government Facebook page, published in the May edition of the Monrovia Messenger, flyers created (by member Choate) to be posted in Town businesses, the Morgan County Correspondent notified (for news coverage of the event). Additionally, County Commissioners & Council, and significant donors to the Park Board will be mailed formal invitations.
- The Board will follow-up with Board VP Sears to confirm if the “Little Library” will be installed in time for the grand opening.
- The Town Manager will follow up with IDEM & the USACOE regarding the wetlands assessment that was sent to them on February 12th.
- **Potential Donated Property:** President Collier provided an update on the property that Citizens Bank is planning on donating to the Parks & Recreation Department, including that the Town Council had approved funding the cost of the engineer survey of the property.

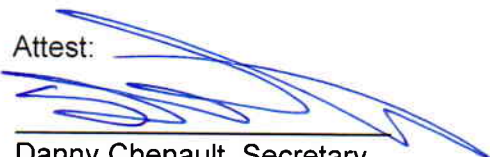
New Business:

- **Carpenter Realtors Block Party:** The Board will have a booth at the Block Party, which is scheduled for June 22, 2024 from 2 pm – 6 pm. Additional promotional items will need to be created/purchased for the event.
- **5-Year Park Master Plan Workshop:** The Park Board worked extensively on the draft 5—Year Park Master Plan. A final draft document is scheduled to be reviewed at the next scheduled Park Board meeting.

Additional Business: Member Brooks notified the Board that the Monroe-Gregg Elementary School was conducting a “Specials” night on May 2nd from 4pm – 7 pm and asked if the Board would like to set up a table at the event to highlight the Grand Opening. All concurred that a table should be set up and staffed for the event.

With no additional business to discuss, member Hayse moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by member Brooks. **All were in favor (4 Aye / 0 Nay)**, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.


 Cora Collier, President
 Monrovia Parks & Recreation Board

Attest: 
 Danny Chenault, Secretary
 Monrovia Parks & Recreation Board