

Town of Munster
Department of Parks and Recreation
Board Report
August 15, 2023

DIRECTOR/ADMINISTRATION

Centennial Park parking: Issues brought up at the last board meeting were discussed with Asta Parking. They are planning to better notify residents and golf members that were registered in 2023 to do so for 2024. I also asked them what other ways they can also consider informing the public to get registered. It was agreed to add a second meter in the north parking lot; the order is in process. A new email address has been created, disputescp@astaparking.com, for anyone who feels their initial dispute is not resolved correctly or to their level of satisfaction through Professional Parking Management (the Asta subcontractor). We continue to look for ways to make the system less time-consuming for the office staff, however too many people call with questions regarding the receiving the notice who claim they didn't see the signs that require the pay to park.

Frank Hammond athletic courts: The tennis, volleyball and pickleball courts at Frank Hammond Park were repaired over the last month. New pickleball lines were also added to the tennis courts at this site for additional recreational opportunity.

2024 Budget: The Clerk-Treasurer's office has shared information with us for the 2024 operational budget. They have input figures for staff and administrative costs. We have submitted figures to them based upon their input and our anticipated areas of increased expenses for our operations.

Clubhouse monitoring: For over a year we have been engaged with a contractor to do monthly monitoring of the Centennial Park clubhouse. We have now engaged them to do additional vibration monitoring and more frequent monitoring of the clubhouse during the time the contractor installs the pilings for the new golf buildings. We want to take the extra precautions to ensure a safe situation for all involved.

Centennial Park landfill generator: The Town has engaged with Baker-Tilly about the potential for IRA funding to help replace the generator at the landfill. A meeting is scheduled for later this month to receive their proposal and suggested course of action. To help prepare a proposal, Baker-Tilly has been in touch with the Town's consultants (Clarke Energy, Andrews Engineering, and Cabeno Environmental) who ensure we meet the requirements for reporting and monitoring of the landfill.

Eagle Scout project: Shail Patel has substantially completed his Eagle Scout project at the northwest corner of Bieker Woods. There are a few minor items needing to be touched up that we've requested. He completed a sheltered kiosk that shares information to educate visitors on ways to properly respect nature. Thank you also goes out to the Dunes-Calumet Audobon Society for substantial funding and for creating the poster that is currently displayed at the kiosk.

RECREATION

All summer programming is complete.

Staff completed the Fall Recreation Guide which is currently at the printer.

The Summer intern completed her duties as of July 28. When home on break, she offered to help with events.

Recreation Supervisor w/ Aquatics attended the Munster Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Superintendent attended NRPA webinar: Why Professionalism Matters.

Munster Pool closed on August 6. Over the summer, there were 8 groups, 10 birthday parties and 20 private parties. The financial report will be shared next month.

Region Eats ran on July 15. Sixteen vendors participated. Attendance was lower than last year and it rained some, however all vendors were pleased. Rosie and the Rivets performed on stage.

Movies in the Park were held on July 18 and August 8. Minions: The Rise of Gru was featured on 7/18. Susan's School of Dance held their summer showcase prior to the movie which had 500 people in attendance. 3 food vendors were onsite, and a new technician was hired to run the movie and sound. On 8/8, Sonic the Hedgehog 2 was played with roughly 150 in attendance.

Touch a Truck ran on July 21. Over 20 vehicles were secured, Ice Cream on Wheels served cold treats and a bounce house was provided for the kids. It was well attended with over 500 in attendance.

Nerf Wars ran with 40 kids. Snacks and drinks were also provided.

The Fall Soccer Deadline has passed. 503 players are enrolled. Teams are being formed now.

Summer Concert Series ran with Mellencougar (250 in attendance) and Rick Lindy & the Wild Ones (200 in attendance).

CIVIC Foundation Concerts have run well. My Funnyman, NWI Symphony, Steepwater, Together Band and Sway Chicago have performed in the last month. Food vendors are also onsite to serve the public.

Safety Bingo took place on July 27 with the Munster Police Department. Officer Ghrist spoke to the Keen Agers about safety and provided prizes. Our lunch sponsor was Care 4 Soul. Opportunity Enterprises helped by calling BINGO numbers.

Due to previous high enrollment, two Canine Cannonballs were offered this year. 30 dog park members participated. The Hungry Hound provided treats and Fetch Portraits took event photos.

August Rentals

Social Center 13

Pool 3 private party rentals
 1 birthday party
August Rentals con't
 Shelters;
 Centennial 8
 Other Parks 9
 Weddings 2 Heritage & Centennial Park

FINANCIAL SUMMARY OF COMPLETED PROGRAMS

PROGRAM	R	NR	REVENUE	EXPENSE	VARIANCE
Baller Basics	14	0	\$700.00	\$409.50	\$290.50
Cardio Drumming	5	2	\$540.00	\$315.00	\$225.00
Canine Cannonball	22	8	\$330.00	\$50.00	\$280.00
Chicago White Sox Training Camp	47		\$1,175.00	\$25.00	\$1,150.00
Corndog Baseball	7	0	\$350.00	\$73.25	\$276.75
Dribble, Kick and Goal	12	4	\$840.00	\$362.50	\$477.50
Kid's Fest	2,000		\$14,496.60	\$6,892.07	\$7,604.53
Ladies Empowerment Walk – Let it go!	1	6	\$175.00	\$140.00	\$35.00
Lake Geneva Social Cruise	24	22	\$1,354.00	\$25.00	\$1,329.00
Learn to Play Mahjong	5	3	\$394.00	\$157.60	\$236.40
Nerf Wars	31	9	\$400.00	\$15.69	\$384.31
Pint Size Camps	78	10	\$3,330.00	\$2,451.31	\$878.69
Region Eats Food Festival	2	40	\$3,291.05	\$800.00	\$2,491.05
Safety Bingo	50		\$251.00	\$100.26	\$150.74
Servsafe Food Manager Class	1	2	\$540.00	\$378.00	\$162.00
South Shore Arts Partnership	4	3	\$252.00	\$30.00	\$222.00
Summer Camp	601	201	\$128,980.00	\$77,000.91	\$51,979.09
Susans School of Dance Classes	7	0	\$630.00	\$378.00	\$252.00
Tennis Lessons (July) – Youth/Adult	106	34	\$12,615.00	\$6,907.83	\$5,707.17
Wonderful World of Wizardry	6	0	\$1,110.00	\$1,014.00	\$96.00
TOTAL:	3,023	344	\$171,753.65	\$97,525.92	\$74,227.73

PARK MAINTENANCE

In addition to daily trash pickup, bathroom cleaning, Social Center set up, gas plant monitoring/maintenance and leachate pump operation/recording, the following tasks were completed;

Staff set up for the National Night Out and July recreation events.

There was a lot of storm clean up, almost every park had branches down and more trees were added to the removal list.

Dead trees and bushes were removed at Twin Creek Park.

The new one-ton dump truck that was ordered in December was delivered.
Watering of trees and flower beds continues.

The ballfields were dragged and sprayed.

The pool has been drained and off season repairs will begin, cracks and tiles, etc.

All parks are back on the mowing schedule now that the drought has lifted.

Sixteen picnic tables were delivered to the middle school for the Lions Club steak fry.

The Jenbacher was down for another water pump replacement and service. Annual stack testing will take place on 8/10, this is the equivalent of a vehicle emissions test.

Jenbacher Engine Production

	<u>Run Hours</u>	<u>MWh</u>	<u>Methane</u>
07/12/23	59,456	42,656	8,460,593
8/4/23	59,618	42,741	8,701,860