Town of Munster
Department of Parks and Recreation
Board Report
August 16, 2022

DIRECTOR/ADMINISTRATION

The Town will once again be issuing a general obligation bond for 2023 Capital improvements. Staff has submitted a list of items to be included in that list.

The NWI Symphony was held at Centennial Park on Sunday, July 31. Sponsored by the Munster Civic Foundation, the event had great weather and a nice turnout.

Centennial Park parking continues to move along. Finalizing details for the process on towing procedures for if/when the course of action is needed. Resident parking registration continues to come in daily and is over 3,300 households now registered.

RECREATION

The Fall Recreation Guide is at the printer. It will be in residential mailboxes by the end of August.

Summer Intern, Clay was a huge help this summer.

Munster Pool closed for the season on August 7. The final report will be shared in September.

Summer Camp completed July 29. The financial report will be shared in September.

The Fall Soccer deadline has passed. At this time, players are enrolled in 4 separate age divisions. Rosters and coaches are yet to be confirmed as staff is hard at work right now coordinating this league.

Tennis has wrapped up for the summer. Staff worked hard and received many kudos from adult participants.

Pint Size Camps ended in July with lots of excited children. There were many fun activities including a visit from the Bug Girls at Franklin Pest Solutions and a trip to Lincoln Park Zoo.

Touch A Truck was postponed 1 week due to inclement weather. 15 trucks, 1 helicopter, 2 bounce houses and 1 food vendor participated in this event with approximately 300 in attendance.

Region Eats ran well with over 2,000 in attendance. The band, Crossthreads performed to a good crowd. Sample tickets sold out within the first 90 minutes of the event which caused foodies to give us some bad reviews on Facebook. The appropriate changes will be made for next year.

Summer Concert Series has completed! Midwest Dueling Pianos had over 300 in attendance. Pirates over 40 was moved indoors to Southside Christian Church and had over 250 in attendance.

The past two CIVIC Monday Concerts ran well. Attendance was estimated to be 150 per concert. Final concert is August 15.

Greta Garbo Lunch/Show ran with 14 people signed up. Strack & Van Til provided Mostaccioli and salad for lunch and Jillann put on a great show.

Nerf Wars was run by the summer intern. Obstacles were constructed from boxes and tables. Pizza was served and a fun time was had by all. We will look to double this offering next summer.

Safety BINGO had 42 Keen agers participate. Orthopedic Balance Therapy and Specialists was the lunch sponsor. Munster Police Dept sponsored this bingo by providing prizes and a presentation and the Girl Scouts donated home baked goods and Girl Scout cookies.

Programs/events to run this month: Cupcakes and Competition, Koolaid and Kanvas, Wado-Ki Karate, 2-hour tennis camp, Banana Split BINGO, Civic Monday Series (2), Summer Concert Series (1), Market Hub (2), Canine Cannonball, Pennsy Bike Ride, Learn to be a Detective, Saugatuck Trip

We continue to take 2022 Keen-Ager memberships and perform membership checks weekly during the social center daily activities. At this time 205 have renewed.

August Rentals: Eight have been scheduled for the Community Park Social Center. Seven weddings have been scheduled at Centennial and Heritage Park. 20 Shelter Rentals have been reserved.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY OF COMPLETED PROGRAMS

PROGRAM	R	NR	REVENUE	EXPENSE	VARIANCE
Afternoon Sports Camps	63	11	$ 3,810.00	$ 1,311.50	$ 2,498.50
Cardio Drumming	10	0	$ 727.50	$ 450.00	$ 277.50
Chicago White Sox Training Camp	30	10	$ 1,200.00	$ 25.00	$ 1,175.00
Cupcakes and Competition	5	1	$ 120.00	$ 11.95	$ 108.05
Fernwood Botanical Garden & Nature Preserve	5	4	$ 375.00	$ 66.00	$ 309.00
Greta Garbo Lunch/Show	6	8	$ 650.00	$ 425.00	$ 225.00
Koolaid and Kanvas	14	8	$ 550.00	$ 323.37	$ 226.63
Ladies Empowerment Walk – Choose your Joy	3	10	$ 260.00	$ 182.00	$ 78.00
Nerf Wars	44	6	$ 500.00	$ 149.12	$ 350.88
Pint Size Camps	103	18	$ 4,725.00	$ 3,060.04	$ 1,664.96
Region Eats Food Festival	2,000		$ 2,423.00	$ 800.00	$ 1,623.00
Safety BINGO	42		$ 212.00	$ 18.94	$ 193.06
Susan's School of Dance Programs	18	3	$ 1,920.00	$ 1,152.00	$ 768.00
Swim Lessons – Private/Semi-Private/Group	213	91	$ 24,477.50	$ 5,352.75	$ 19,124.75
Tennis Lessons	151	42	$ 16,980.00	$ 7,912.00	$ 9,068.00
Wado-Ki Karate	25	1	$ 367.00	$ 25.00	$ 342.00
TOTAL:	2,732	213	$ 59,297.00	$21,264.67	$ 38,032.33

PARK/CENTENNIAL 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;

Soccer goals were put out at White Oak and West Lakes for the Munster Soccer Club, and weekly re-stripping of the fields has started.

Six memorial trees were planted, and plaques installed, one was a replacement, so the original was replanted about fifty feet away. Gator watering bags were installed and are being refilled two to three times a week.

All of the ball fields have been sprayed and dragged.

In addition to the poison hemlock at Centennial, poison ivy has become a bigger issue than in past years at several parks. We are spraying where possible.

Hoosier Concrete completed the garage floor drain replacement on Fisher Street.

The new Gator utility vehicle for community park was finally delivered after an eight month wait.

Staff worked to Set up and clean up for the National Night Out event.

The pool has been drained. The fence around the pool dumpsters was vandalized again and had to be repaired. All banners were taken down.

Centennial Park

Damaged sprinkler heads were replaced. A memorial brick was installed, and repairs were made to picnic tables where necessary.

Staff did set up and clean up for Centennial events; concerts and movies in the park.

Trimmed trees along paths leading to the stage and around the skating lagoon. Mulched shrub beds around the stage and at the maintenance garage. Trimmed bushes and trees in the formal gardens. The red granite areas were raked.

The front mower and the utility vehicles were serviced.

A light pole that was hit and knocked down was replaced.

The public works bush hog was picked up and staff has started mowing the landfill.

Jenbacher Engine Production

	Run Hours	MWh
7/3/22	55,141	40,376 MWh
8/4/22	55.487	40,559 MWh

The Jenbacher was down about two weeks the past month due to the failed water pump and gas quality issues.

CENTENNIAL GOLF

July Statistics

Golf	**2022**	**2021**	**YOY/Change**
Total Rounds	2,133	2,711	
Public rounds	1,809	1,866	-3.2%
Green fees	$35,467	$35,724	-0.7%
Cart fees	$11,528	$10,282	+11%
Driving Range	$6,935	$9,490	-36%
Pro Shop	$1,758	$3,154	-79%
Concessions			
Food	$19,806	$3,069	+84%
Beverage	$1,036	$797	+23%

Starting this month, most of our staff will be heading back to school. As the season winds down, preparation is underway for the new 2023 membership package deals to be ready for sale around September 1st. There is a large Under Armour Sponsored Golf Tournament for kids on September 10th.

Concessions

The pool concession stand is closed for the year and will be cleaned out for the season. The main stand at Community Park, will reopen with the start of fall baseball August 22.

Course Maintenance

Recent rains have greatly improved course conditions. This year, the rain totals for April to July were 15.6 inches. The average for the last 3 years over the same time frame was 24.4 inches. This required more irrigation and hand watering.

A new jockey pump was installed recently by Pro Pump. This should help the system run more efficiently.

August is a transition month for the grounds department. Two veteran staff members are college students and will be returning to school. The hope is to find 1 employee to help finish the out

season. The job market is tough these days, making it hard attract good help. This is a consistent trend across all golf courses in the region.

Staff is almost done cutting the wild areas for the first time. Some areas have a lot of milkweed and are being left uncut, as the Monarch butterflies feed in these areas.

Going forward, staff plans to aerate tees and fairways earlier this year than in the past. Hopefully, at the end of August. Greens will be done on Tuesday, October 4. It is also planned to blow out the irrigation system the last week of October.