

Town of Munster
Department of Parks and Recreation
Board Report
September 20, 2022

DIRECTOR/ADMINISTRATION

Centennial Park parking: Approval continues daily for those registering for the free parking. More than 3,600 households are registered, approaching 6,000 vehicles. Still dealing with the details for potential towing when it will be needed. An RFP for towing services was put out and only one proposal was received. Working with that vendor to finalize details for what is needed. The final proposal will likely require a formal award by the Park Board and potential revisions to the ordinance covering towing in town by the Town Council. The Centennial Park Subcommittee will meet soon to revisit and evaluate the system and processes.

Centennial Park litigation: Litigation at Centennial Park was settled by the Town Council on September 9th. Councilor Schoon will share details on final settlement.

Park Connectivity: Remote connectivity to the Centennial Park dog park and restrooms, and the press boxes and restrooms at Community Park has not been available for almost a month. Staff has been working with Impact, Heritage Technology Systems and have even been in contact with a former Town employee who initiated that system, in an effort to troubleshoot the system. Access codes and dog park gate passes that were already in the system when it failed continue to have access. Changes are unable to be made to the facility access system codes, and new member and expired gate passes are unable to be activated. Staff computers cannot connect to the system. Various equipment and cabling have been replaced and this is still in progress. A new gate access system for the dog park was investigated to see if it's possible to have a secondary backup entrance.

Fiber Optics RFP is out: A request for proposals to install fiber optics at Community Park is currently out. The hope is to have that awarded at the October Park Board meeting to get the work completed before next spring.

Financial support for Centennial Park golf: A financial support request letter from Centennial Park Golf Management LLC was received and processed to help them with cash flow. The lack of banquets, increased costs for fuel, fertilizer, and employee wages were all cited as reasons for the need.

RECREATION

The Fall Recreation Guide is available in the park office and online.

Munster Pool's final report is included in the board packet.

The Summer Camp financial report is included in the board packet. Camp will revert back to field trips every week in 2023.

The fall soccer season has started. There are 4 age divisions, 30 teams, 70 coaches, 418 players and 6 referees.

Canine Cannonball ran with 31 dog park members. It was a dreary-run event in the rain, but fun was still had. Treats were given out to our pooch friends.

Pennsy Bike Ride had a beautiful weather night with 184 participants. Arnolds Mobile Bike Repair was on-site to help with bike issues. Many in-kind sponsors donated to help off-set costs.

The final CIVIC Monday Concert ran well with 300 in attendance. Overall, attendance averaged 150 per concert. A special thank you to Munster Civic Foundation for their generous donation to offer these concerts.

Cash for Clutter had 91 sellers and 1 food vendor. Six students volunteered from Munster High School. It was a great turnout and staff heard a lot of positive feedback from sellers and buyers.

Movie in the Park took place featuring Encanto. 175 people came to watch the movie on the big screen on a beautiful early fall night under the stars.

The youth tennis program has started. Four staff and 24 students make up the program.

Banana Split BINGO had 39 Keen agers participate. Park Place of St. John provided ice cream and toppings for Banana Splits and Region Vein provided donuts.

The Saugatuck trip ran with a full 9 passenger van. Attendees enjoyed a beautiful day in Michigan filled with shopping and eating.

Little Traveler ran with 8 enrolled. The group enjoyed a beautiful day walking around the quaint town and they're sad that was the last small van trip.

Programs/events to run this month: Babysitting Lessons and Safety Training, Cupcakes and Competition, Language and Art of the Chinese Zodiac, Learn to Dance w/ Susan's School of Dance (Tiny Tot, Ballet/Tap/Tumble, Bitty Hip Hop), Koolaid and Kanvas, Skateboarding, Sporties for Shorties, Super Strikers, Youth Tennis Lessons, Tiny Tykes, Volleykidz USA, CPR Certification, Cardio Drumming, Coffee and Canvas, Learn to be a Detective, Reverse Mortgages, Servsafe Food Manager, Tai Chi Gong, ZUMBA, Cash for Clutter, Movie in the Park featuring Encanto, Bark in the Park, Falling for Keenagers BINGO, Medicare and Scamming, Yahtzee Challenge, Little Traveler.

We continue to take 2022 Keen-Ager memberships and perform weekly membership checks during the social center daily activities. At this time 207 have renewed.

September Rentals: Six have been scheduled for the Community Park Social Center. One wedding is scheduled for the Centennial gardens. 11 Shelter rentals have been booked.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY OF COMPLETED PROGRAMS

PROGRAM	R	NR	REVENUE	EXPENSE	VARIANCE
Ackermann Garden	12	6	\$ 90.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 36.00
Banana Split Bingo	39		\$ 181.00	\$ 23.17	\$ 157.83
Canine Cannonball	21	10	\$ 330.00	\$ 5.99	\$ 324.01
Cash for Clutter	36	53	\$ 2,695.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 2,620.00
Little Traveler	3	5	\$ 336.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 316.00
Munster Pool	17,159		\$ 254,470.77	\$ 226,052.43	\$ 28,418.34
Pennsy Bike Ride	184		\$ 1,170.00	Yet to be finalized w/ Schererville.	
Saugatuck Trip	3	6	\$ 390.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 370.00
Summer Camp	507	158	\$ 105,285.00	\$ 60,148.46	\$ 45,136.54
TOTAL:	17,964	238	\$ 364,947.77	\$ 286,399.05	\$ 77,548.72

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;

The new Kubota front mowers with snow blowers and rotary brooms were delivered.

Two seasonal employees have returned to school and another full timer is on restricted duty due to an injury. We may have to start shuffling people between Centennial and Fisher Street.

Event/Activity set up;

- ✓ Cash 4 clutter.
- ✓ Pennsy Night Ride, including delivery of barricades and traffic cones and trimming trees and shrubs along the bike path.
- ✓ Movie in the park.
- ✓ 50 chairs each for 2 weddings, and assembled and painted a garden arbor
- ✓ Event banners were swapped out.

Delivered 20 picnic tables and garbage cans to Eads Elementary for their back-to-school picnic.

Delivered and then picked up 14 picnic tables and garbage cans to the high school for the Booster Club and Band Backer tail gate parties on two separate dates.

At Community Park: The A/C-heater at the Babe Ruth concession stand was replaced, repairs were made to the playground, and all practice ballfields were rototilled, dragged and sprayed.

Removed the Wi-Fi antenna from the roof of the pool managers building and installed it at the east press box for Impact Networking.

Window and wall repairs were made in the old upstairs office at the Kaske house.

Ground down high spots in the asphalt on the Pennsy Greenway.

Trimmed along the trails at Heritage Park.

Raked playground mulch back under swings in several of the parks.

Centennial Park

A large section of irrigation pipe at Centennial was replaced that was damaged when the irrigation pump was replaced.

Repaired a temporary construction fence at the west end of the Pennsy where it ends at Centennial Village.

Cutting the landfill hill with the bush hog continues along with trimming around the well heads.

Installed additional signs for pay to park.

Jenbacher Engine Production

	<u>Run Hours</u>	<u>MWh</u>	<u>Methane Flow</u>
8/4/22	55,487	40,559 MWh	921,481
9/10/222	55,901	40,978 MWh	1,867,338

CENTENNIAL GOLF

Pro-shop

Labor day has come and gone which means golf is slowly coming to an end. Leagues are in their final week of play and will start looking at a returning start day for next year. There was a total of 45 kids for the Under Armour Junior Golf Tournament on Saturday that went extremely well. The year-end sale has started in the pro-shop to push out inventory. 2023 Golf Memberships will be sold starting in October.

	<u>2022 YTD</u>
Public rounds	\$8,057
Green Fees	\$145,147
Driving Range	\$33,206
Pro shop Sales	\$9,851

Grounds

Centennial is down to half a seasonal staff. College student workers left in mid-August and will work an occasional weekend into October.

Staff started to aerify tees on September 13. Seed was added to help the bad areas. This process will take several weeks working on Tuesdays and Wednesdays until finished. Fairways will be aerified when finished with the tees. CS Turf was hired to aerify greens on starting October 4.

September 11, the course got 2.6 inches of much needed rain. The total was the same as the previous 42 days combined.

By working with the south side Cook County Forest Preserve courses, an air compressor has been lined up. The machine will be on site in early November for about 3 days. It is rented for several weeks and moved from course to course.

Overall, the course looks good going into the fall.