

**Iles Park Neighborhood Association
Neighborhood Minutes May 9, 2022
Iles Park Pavilion**



11 attendees

Guest Speaker

Carey Smith, Enos Park Neighborhood Gardens

- The gardens are now 10 years old.
- They are on 3 vacant lots. The lots were tested and the soil was remediated.
- Enos Park Land Development owns the land; the garden is also supported by Kumler Ministries.
- Plots are in 4'x8' raised beds.
- 30 communal plots; 21 personal plots are \$10 per year.
- Water, tools, seeds, seedlings and mulch are supplied.
- 1500 sq ft prairie has been planted from seed in partnership with the Sierra Club.
- Fruit trees in partnership with Community Foundation of the Land of Lincoln.
- Other grants from the Dominican Sisters and the UIS Non-profit Resource Center.
- Outdoor crafts room; children's programming 7 weeks for an hour provided by Alaina Reynolds.
- They have business sponsors: Noonan's and SIU are in/close to the neighborhood.
- Carey talked about what it takes to start a community garden: 3-5 core people; a plot with 6-8 hours of sun a day; source of water (city spigot costs \$2k – theirs paid by grant from Springfield Civic Garden Club. Test soil for lead; bring in soil but not clay fill. Decide if organic or not. Security/fencing. Lock the tool shed.

James Doss, SPD (for Officer Cody Musson Beat 500 Neighborhood Police Officer)

- Juveniles causing problems live near here.
- On the city's website you can post a report online – these are reviewed by a Sargeant.
- Can also call Dispatch.
- Our past National Night Out turnout has been wonderful – August 2 this year. National sponsors: Ring, Starbucks.
- Iles Park Skate Park
 - 10:30pm close time, but there at midnight. Park Police check at 11:30. There is a juvenile curfew.
 - Lights are not on after dark by design. However they do skate with light from car headlights.

Officer Garcia, Springfield Park District

- They continue to monitor the park.
- Abandoned vehicles: call non-emergency number

Michelle Coffin, President

- **National Night Out August 2**
 - We need a volunteer to organize National Night Out: organize sponsors; \$400 insurance policy for Park District; food? Face painting / balloons; neighborhood flyers.
- **Iles Park**
 - Lots of new trees planted!
 - Have Park District clean up pine tree branch in SE corner of park.
- **Upcoming Meetings**
 - June: NPO Cody Musson will be our speaker
 - July 11: NNO planning
- **Iles Park Signs**
 - Our large signs are hard to remove due to cement on the bottom of the posts.
 - Need to pull weeds – Harry Coffin volunteered
 - Large sign locations: 8th St near SASSED, 7th St near MotoMart, 9th & Myrtle near Archery Club, one stored in Michelle’s garage.
 - Michelle & Carol will get together with city to evaluate where to locate smaller signs 10” x 20” with “Iles Park Neighborhood” and the tree.
- **Problems**
 - Solid waste on 8th St
 - 411 E Ash cleaned up
- **Shred Events**
 - Michelle will post on Facebook page when she is aware of one.

Treasurer’s Report

No treasurer’s report.

Respectfully,

Carol Kneedler, Secretary