

Peru Park and Recreation Minutes

July 14, 2020

Board member Ray Zborowski called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Attendance: Board Members- Ray Zborowski, Linda Dzierzynski, Jeff Puetz, Bill Steve; Recreation Director-Adam Thorson and Recreation Manager-Seth Brannan.

Absent: Steve Michelini, Gena Wallin and John Fusinatto.

I- Guest

Justin Miller

II- Previous Minutes

June 16, 2020 meeting minutes were tabled for next meeting since we did not have the same quorum in attendance.

III- Revenue and Expense Report

Justin M presented the revenue and expense reports dated June 30, 2020. Discussion was had and many questions were answered. This year's budget has a few items that were affected by the pandemic. This year is also a big change due to combining several departments to create the Parks, Recreation, and Special Events Department. Conversation will begin soon for needs, input, and development of the 2021 budget. Adam T will be working closely with Justin M and the recreation board will advise accordingly based upon community needs.

IV- New Business

Communications:

Ray Z stated that he has received great comments regarding the Music in the Park events and how successful they have been so far.

2020 budget:

Justin M was in attendance to discuss the 2020 budget and what is newly stated in the ordinance in how the budget will work. This item was covered during the revenue and expense report.

Splash Pad:

Seth B gave the board an update on the splash pad and the guidelines that we are following. Seth B stated that we are not as busy as we anticipated in the last week, but it is perfect numbers for the situation that we are in considering that we are only allowed to have 50% capacity inside the splash pad.

Summer Camp/Program Updates:

Seth B gave an update on all summer camps and programs. Again, stated that the camp numbers are lower than usual, but camps have good numbers for situation that we are in. Seth B stated that camps/programs are taking all precautionary measures to keep participants and instructors as safe as possible, these precautionary measures include temperatures taken upon arrival and a short questionnaire asking if they have any COVID like symptoms or have been around anyone with symptoms. Seth B also informed the board that only one camp has had to be cancelled due to the instructor having an emergency. Seth B tried to get another instructor to teach the camp but did not receive a definitive answer from anyone that he contacted. Seth B informed the board on how we went about camp sign ups, saying that we used a website called Sign Up Genius. The new way of camp sign ups went very well.

Music in the Park:

Adam T informed the board that all advertising is scheduled to be completed with WLPO/WAJK and food vendors and bands are all booked for the remainder of the summer months. Adam T said he will look into finding ways for more advertising and getting the word out about the events more.

New Swings and Basketball Hoops:

Adam T informed the board that basketball hoops for 28th St Park along with Sunset Park had been delivered on July 14 and that the hoops would be put up on July 15. Adam T informed the board that new swing seats have been put into place in all parks and that there is another swing seat order that has been placed for swings that have not been replaced. Once the order is delivered, all the swing seats in all the parks will be new and a uniform color of blue.

Hope Week:

Seth B informed the board that Crossbridge Church was starting to plan Hope Week in March. Due to the pandemic, the organization was not able to accumulate the numbers that they usually have, but still got a lot completed. Adam T stated that Crossbridge Church stained a shelter at Centennial Park, along with staining a bench at 28th St Park and pulling weeds at a memorial at Washington Park. Great job Crossbridge and thank you. Ray Z gave an update on the parks and stated that there has been a lot of activity and a lot of good things happening within the parks in Peru. Linda D stated that there is a bench at Baker Lake that needs work.

V Unfinished Business

None

VII- Public Comment

None

VII- Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 8:10 was made by Linda D and seconded by Jeff P. All were in favor and the motion carried.

*** Minutes submitted by Adam Thorson