

Peru Parks and Recreation Board

5/9/2017 Meeting, City Hall

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Board Chairman, Ray Zborowski. Board members in attendance were Bill Steve, Janice Grabowski, Steve Michelini, and Linda Dzierzynski. Absent were Larry Weide and Simon Kampwerth Jr...

Guests: Little League representative Rob Ankiewicz presented a hand out highlighting various items of interest. Both the big and instructional diamond had fencing issues. A quote for the big diamond fencing repairs totaling approximately \$12,000.00 was also presented to the board. On the little league diamond they would like the infield grass edge lips repaired for safety and to help drainage. They would like to add some kind of buffer area behind the backstop area. They would like city approval to do this. On the instructional diamond they have someone who will donate materials and they will donate the labor to build roofs over the dugouts if the city approves. Little league would like to take over the t-ball program. The games would be played in the evening to make it easier for family members to attend. It would be for 5 and 6 year olds and concentrate more on fun and preparing the players for the instructional league. If the city agrees little league would like some minor improvements that include cutting in base paths, a pitching circle, and home plate at the existing backstop fence in the area of the old swimming pool.

Pete Etscheid gave an overview of Disc Golf. He informed the board Disc Golf is becoming very popular and he and others would like to see a course built at Baker Lake. He had some aerial drawings showing the area that could accommodate the course. He also presented some information from a company that designs these courses. He estimated a cost of \$10,000.00 to \$12,000.00 to build a 9 hole course. He was asked to draw something up to give the board a better idea of the area the course would cover and bring it to the June meeting. He will be put on the agenda for the June meeting.

Reports: A motion to accept the minutes from the 4/11/2017 meeting was moved by Janice, seconded by Bill and passed unanimously with Linda abstaining. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report dated 4/30/2017 was made by Linda, seconded by Janice and passed unanimously.

Communications: Ray asked Janice if she heard back from Laura McNally about the Clydesdales and she said she had not but would try to contact her again.

New Business: Lighting for the flagpoles was discussed. Ray checked on the internet and found that lighting was required. Bill contacted Scott Miller from Titan about lighting and he had some led lights he could install for \$100.00 each for 3 of them. Steve informed the board he has one on his flagpole and he is disappointed in it. Bill was asked to contact Scott to see if something better is available. The motion on this was tabled. Bill will also tell Scott to contact Jeff King to see where the city wants them installed.

A motion was made Janice, seconded by Steve to accept Ladd Sound Production's proposal to provide 4 speakers to play music at a cost of \$1,000.00 for the 2017 Fireworks.

Ray informed the board LaSalle County Broadcasting amended their proposal to the same price as 2016. A motion was made Steve, seconded by Janice to accept LaSalle County Broadcasting's proposal of \$500.00 for the 2017 Fireworks.

The motion to pay Albert Tomaszewski for land usage for the 2017 Fireworks was tabled until the June meeting.

The motion to pay the Peru Mall for property usage for the 2017 Fireworks was tabled until the June meeting.

Unfinished Business: The opening for a new board member was discussed. Ray said he spoke with Larry who is going to resign to remind him to get a resignation letter to the city. Larry said he would do so. It was noted that after his resignation letter is accepted the Mayor will solicit for and appoint a new board member.

The process we would use to go over resumes, interview, and hire a new Recreation Director was discussed. We will try to get the resumes by Monday so they can be reviewed before anyone is interviewed by the board. We will try to limit the interviews to 15 or 20 minutes each. The board decided to have a special meeting on Tuesday, May 16th 2017 at 6:30pm at city hall. If only one cannot make it two board members will be appointed to do the interview. If more than one cannot make the meeting we will cancel the meeting and reschedule it.

Ray said he was contacted by Reverend Graper from Axe Church would like to do some volunteer work in the parks. Ray told him to contact Jeff King.

Steve said Thursday is the bid letting for the McKinley Park concession stand. It was noted that the board made a motion to pay \$60,000.00 toward this project.

Public Comment: The dog park volunteers inform the board about some issues at the Dog Park. The grass needed to be cut. The water was still not turned on and the lighting needed to be adjusted. They needed the garbage cans returned and there are some picnic tables in the parking lot taking up space. Also the drainage problems were still not rectified. They were wondering about the bench they were promised. Linda will contact the city about these issues.

Adjournment: At 8:17pm Janice made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Steve, motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Steve, Secretary