

Peru Parks and Recreation Board

2/14/2017 Meeting, City Hall

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Board Chairman, Ray Zborowski. Board members in attendance were Bill Steve, Janice Grabowski, Simon Kampwerth Jr., and Linda Dzierzynski. Absent were Steve Michelini, and Larry Weide. Recreation Director Lynda Kasik and Alderman Mike Sapienza were also present.

Guests: Library representative's Lynn Sheedy and Charm Ruhnke were present to discuss stories in the park. Rick Abbott mentioned to Ray that there was some interest in having some stories read in the park. Simon said the Rotary would be interested in providing some refreshments at Rotary Park. The age groups would vary. It was decided to limit it this year to Washington Park, Centennial Park and possibly Baker Lake. Some form of entertainment may be possible depending on funding by the park board since the library did not have the budget for it. It was mentioned the board may be able to come up with some funding. The board thought it would be nice to have stories at Touch a Truck and Movie in the Park. The Library Representatives would work out the details and get back to Lynda Kasik. There was also a discussion on some Story Boards at Baker Lake possibly for 2018. The Library Reps were asked if they could put some budgetary figures together for this and they said they would.

Reports: A motion to accept the minutes from the 1/10/2017 meeting was moved by Simon, seconded by Janice and passed unanimously. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report dated 1/31/2017 was made by Janice, seconded by Simon and passed unanimously.

Communications: Ray said Steve spoke with Eric Carls secretary about some summer rec programs Ottawa has and one of them was an end of year picnic for their campers. They have some activities similar to what we have for our Halloween parade. Lynda thought it may be hard to set up do to knowing how many would attend due to the fact at the end of our programs families want to go on a vacation before school starts. It was decided not to do this.

Ray discussed a possible program for first aide and what to do and when to call 911. It would be for 1st through 6th grades. Lynda said this is not taught in schools. It was discussed it may be possible to get a Fireman or someone to come to Movie in the Park or Touch a Truck to do this. Lynda thought Touch a Truck would be a better venue for this.

Ray emailed about the Clydesdale Horses and never heard back. Janice is going to write a letter to see if there would be any interest in participating in the Christmas Parade this year.

Ray said there is a program called a candy cane hunt another city does that can be done outside or possibly in a school. Ray asked Lynda to look into it. Simon and Lynda said it would not be possible to use one of the schools for this. After some discussion it was decided this would not be possible but maybe we could do an Easter egg hunt. We could look into doing this in 2018.

Ray received a communication from Stephanie Piscia about putting an advertisement in MCS advertising for the Santa fly in at the airport. The date was set up for 12/9 but the board would like it moved to 12/3. Ray will get the date and let her know.

New Business: A discussion was held on the 2017 fireworks. Ray informed the board that Steve spoke with Mr. Tomaszewski and he gave the OK to use his land again this year. Ray said we will have to have Doug Schweickert write up an agreement again this year for Mr. Tomaszewski to sign. Steve will contact Doug about the agreement. Ray would like us to be more competitive since other cities spend more money. He would like to

spend \$5,000.00 more on the fireworks. Ray said he has not talked to the mall yet about any specifics but they are on board with having the fireworks in that area again. Linda asked what the mall would charge and Ray said it would be the same as last year. There was more discussion on the mall, spending more money, and also on possibly changing the bid a little bit and it was decided if we need to we could schedule a special meeting after Ray speaks with the mall. Ray also noted the CSO will not be involved this year.

Janice went over the proposal she put together for the 2017 budget. Janice spoke with Justin who is the Finance Director for the city and he informed her instead of getting \$25,000.00 from the general fund and \$50,000.00 from property taxes we would now be getting \$100,000.00 from the general fund and no property tax money. Linda asked if there were any stipulations on how it could be spent and Janice said no. Bill asked when we would receive the funds and Janice said May 1st. A motion was made by Bill to accept the budget seconded by Linda and passed unanimously.

A discussion was held on background checks on volunteer workers. Lynda was told to take the information to the chief of police. It was noted that all workers and not just volunteers need to have background checks. The background check results would be given to the board secretary and at the end of the season they would have to be destroyed.

Lynda was asked how the field usage meeting went. Lynda said to anyone who wanted to use the fields showed up and the meeting went well.

Ray discussed the funds the board previously allocated for the splash pad. These funds will now go towards the concession stand. Since the splash pad was never put in the budget no action needed to be taken on reallocating the funds.

A discussion was held on the splash pad and the city informed the board they are handling the funding and would not need any funds allocated towards it from the park board.

Unfinished Business: McKinley park concession stand was discussed earlier at this meeting.

Story in the park was discussed earlier at this meeting.

The parade float was discussed but no disposition was made at this time.

Lynda updated the board on movie in the park. The two movies she was considering were Finding Dora and The secret lives of pets. She said if anyone else had any other ideas to let her know. Linda asked why the movies cost so much and Lynda said because of copyright laws. She said to let her know by the next meeting.

Lynda said the flyer for the summer programs is full. She thought we could take out some of the parades and just advertise them on the radio. Simon wondered if we could use bigger paper like maybe 8-1/2 x 14. Janice thought we could also put the bigger events on a separate sheet. Lynda will look into it. Lynda informed the board Matt Rebholz will do wrestling at LP high school. Ray asked about bowling and Lynda said it was \$60.00 to do it.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Adjournment: At 8:15pm Linda made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Janice, motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Steve, Secretary