

Peru Park and Recreation Minutes

February 13, 2023

Board Chairman Steve Michelini called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Attendance: Board Members – Steve Michelini, Ray Zborowski, Jeff Puetz, John Fusinato, Linda Dzierzynski. Recreation Manager – Seth Brannan. Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events - Adam Thorson.

Absent: None

I- Guest

II- Previous Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 2022 meeting was made by Linda D and seconded by Ray Z. All were in favor and the motion carried.

III- Revenue and Expense Report

The Revenue and Expense Report was presented to the board by Adam T. There was no discussion, any questions or comments were to be directed to Adam T.

IV- New Business

Communications:

Seth B mentioned that a resident had acquired about 2023 summer camps signups. Seth B said that the signups would be available in May 2023.

John F suggested a golf camp for the summer. Seth B replied that we could look into that at a local golf course.

Discussion on Parks:

Adam T gave an update on Veterans Park and Schweickert Stadium. The concrete has been poured and finished for the winter. The seating is on order and will be installed upon delivery in the spring.

Steve M mentioned that something needs to be done at the dog park to prevent the mud from building up at the entrance when it rains. Steve M said the City could potentially look into turf options to make it nicer and more appealing to those that use it.

Adam T mentioned the newly proposed dogs in the park ordinance and that the ordinance will be voted on at a City Council meeting. There were some mixed opinions on the matter. Ray Z mentioned that there used to be a viscous dog ordinance in place and could possibly be something to look at.

Discuss Music Under the Oaks dates and bands:

Adam T was looking for suggestions from the board on which bands they would like to see play at Centennial Park this summer. The board members named a few popular local bands to reach out to, along with something new such as dualling pianos. Adam T said that he would contact certain groups and report back in a month.

Discuss 2023 summer events:

Music Under the Oaks was previously discussed, along with dates and bands. Other events that were discussed were the dates for Touch a Truck on June 17, Movie in the Park with a date to be determined and The Taste of the Illinois Valley on August 3, 4 and 5.

V Unfinished Business

Adam T and the board discussed the future of the parks board. Recently, members of the board voiced that they would like more of a voice and 2 new members added to the board. Adam T stated that at the next City Council meeting, the Mayor will comment regarding the City accepting letters of interest from Peru residents to become members of the board.

VII- Public Comment

Ray Z inquired about any progress being made with the Happ family to see if they would be interested in allowing the City of Peru to recognize a family member at Washington Park and create a name for the Senior League diamond at the park. Adam T stated that he will find a way to reach out to the family to see if they are interested in the idea.

Adam T stated that there is a scheduling conflict for the date of our next scheduled meeting. Adam T proposed scheduling the next meeting to Monday, February 13 at 5pm. All board members agreed to the proposed schedule change.

VII- Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 6:48pm was made by Jeff P and seconded by Linda D. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

*** Minutes submitted by Adam Thorson