

Peru Park and Recreation Minutes

February 13, 2023

Board Chairman Steve Michelini called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

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

Absent: Linda Dzierzynski

I- Guest: Mayor Ken Kolowski

II- Previous Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 2023 meeting was made by Ray Z and seconded by John F. 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. Discussion was had about being over budget due to the construction line item for the stadium project, along with the ice house project. There was no other discussion, any questions or comments were to be directed to Adam T.

IV- New Business

Communications:

Adam T mentioned that the field usage meeting is scheduled for February 28th at 5pm at City Hall. Payments and insurance papers from travel baseball and softball teams will be collected at the time, along with covering basic policy and procedures for the teams' using diamonds.

Discussion on Parks:

Adam T gave an update on Veterans Park and Schweickert Stadium. The seating is on order and will be installed upon delivery in the next month.

Adam T stated that the new Splash Pad feature is pending approval from City Council. The feature is a total of \$11,050.00 and will be installed this spring to fill the vacancy from the recent scoreboard feature.

Adam T stated that he is still waiting on the preliminary plans for Sunset Park from the representative from Cunningham Recreation. Once received, he will discuss with the board on the plans.

Discuss Music Under the Oaks dates and bands:

Adam T informed the board of the bands for Music Under the Oaks that are lined up for the summer.

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 pending another community event. Movie in the Park with a date to be determined, but likely set for August 11.

Mayor Kolowski mentioned that there is a memorial wall planning to come to Peru on August 24-28 and the wall will be placed at Veteran's Park.

Ray Z questioned about the recent discussion involving the Happ family. Adam T mentioned that the event will likely take place July 31.

Seth B mentioned summer camp signups begin on May 1.

V Unfinished Business

Adam T and the board discussed the future of the parks board. Adam T received two letters of interest from community members. After discussion with the board and the Mayor, Adam T will propose new duties and responsibilities to the board within the next week that can be discussed via email and at the next scheduled meeting in March.

The two individuals who submitted letters of interest, along with the recent expiring members and members due to expire, will all be re-appointed at the next City Council meeting scheduled Monday, February 27th. The new term will expire on September 30, 2024.

Due to Steve M planning to be absent on our next meeting date, the next meeting might be rescheduled. Adam T will let the board know the next meeting date.

VII- Public Comment

None

VII- Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 5:39pm was made by Jeff P and seconded by Ray Z. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

*** Minutes submitted by Adam Thorson