

## **Peru Park and Recreation Minutes**

**March 21, 2023**

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

**Attendance:** Board Members – Steve Michelini, Ray Zborowski, John Fusinato, Dan Eiten, Liz Grzybowski.  
Recreation Manager – Seth Brannan. Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events - Adam Thorson

**Absent:** Linda Dzierzynski, Jeff Puetz

**I- Guest:** Mayor Ken Kolowski

### **II- Previous Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 2023 meeting was made by John F 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. 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 St Bede has requested to use Washington park tennis courts for practices and games.

Adam T mentioned that an adult softball league had requested to play in Peru, but we had to deny the request since we have too much use now at Veterans Park.

Seth B informed the board that our summer tennis instructor had requested to host an adult tennis league during the summer.

#### **Discussion on Parks:**

Adam T informed the board that the Veterans Park upgrades are proceeding. The seats are delivered and being installed. The project should be completed by June.

Adam T mentioned that there is a plan to expand the dog park to the north and the east, make two entrances and pour more concrete. This plan should help prevent the current flooding issue that then turns to mud.

**Discuss 2023 Easter Egg Hunt:**

Adam T mentioned that the Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 1 from 11am-2pm with three 1-hour sessions broken up in age groups and an hour reserved for children with special needs. The rain date is scheduled for Sunday, April 2 at the same time.

**Discuss Sunset Park Playground plans:**

Adam T informed the board that he had received the playground plans from Cunningham Recreation. A handout was presented to board members with two options. Option one was most appealing to everyone. Financial options were discussed. Adam T said that the piece of equipment is \$138,454.14 and is still deciding how to proceed with the purchase and whether to purchase outright in the spring of 2023 or wait to apply for a fall 2023 grant. After discussion, the board members agreed to all proceed with the purchase in the spring of 2023 to install by the fall.

**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. Adam T will reach out to the family to see what they would feel comfortable with.

Seth B mentioned summer camp signups begin on May 1.

**Discuss FY24 Budget:**

Adam T informed the board the there was a small increase in the budget, primarily for the playground project at Sunset Park.

**V Unfinished Business**

Adam T introduced and welcomed the two new board members Dan Eiten and Liz Grzybowski to the current board members. Adam T and the board look forward to their contributions to the parks department.

**VII- Public Comment**

None

**VII- Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn at 7:20pm was made by Ray Z and seconded by Dan E. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

\*\*\* Minutes submitted by Adam Thorson