

## **Peru Park and Recreation Minutes**

**December 12, 2023**

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

**Attendance:** Board Members – Steve Michelini, Liz Grzybowski, Jeff Puetz, John Fusinato, Dan Eiten, Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events - Adam Thorson

**Absent:** Ray Zborowski, Recreation Manager Seth Brannan

**I- Guest:** None

### **II- Previous Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes from the September 2023 meeting was made by Liz G and seconded by Jeff P.

A motion to approve the minutes from the October 2023 meeting was made by John F and seconded by Dan E.

### **III- Revenue and Expense Report**

The Revenue and Expense Report was presented to the board by Adam T. via email. The overage in the construction line item was discussed and no further questions were had.

### **IV- New Business**

#### **Communications:**

None

#### **Discuss Sunset Park Light Improvements:**

Adam T informed the board that the City has plans to upgrade the sports lighting at Sunset Park. The City has applied for a grant through IMEA and the grant funding has been approved for 75% of the total cost of the project and has been approved for \$99,800, which covers the cost of the light system, while the City of Peru covers the cost of labor and install.

#### **Discuss 2023 Christmas Event:**

Adam T and the board discussed and debriefed the Christmas event that took place on December 2. There were many positive remarks about having the event indoors after the parade rather than ending outdoors. Adam T mentioned that there were about 200 gifts distributed, along with 40 parade entries.

#### **Discuss 2024 Park Playground Improvements:**

Discussion was had on which playground should be improved in the fall of 2024. After discussion, the board concluded that 28<sup>th</sup> St Park was due for the next improvement. Adam T said that he would proceed as needed and gather the information needed to implement a plan to upgrade 28<sup>th</sup> St Park.

#### **Discuss 2024 City Events:**

This item was tabled until the January meeting for scheduling purposes.

#### **V Unfinished Business**

Adam T mentioned that we are uncertain if the ice rink will be used this winter because of the uncertainty of the weather. The City has applied for two separate grants in efforts to secure an ice chilling system. At this time, the City has yet to receive any feedback, but hopeful to receive feedback soon.

#### **VII- Public Comment**

Adam T and other board members recognized the passing of Parks and Recreation Board member Linda Dzierzynski and stated that she was very passionate regarding city parks, especially 28<sup>th</sup> St Park. Linda's wish was to have her good friend and neighbor, Jill Bernal, fill her role in the interim and long term if Jill wished to do so.

#### **VII- Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn at 7:00pm was made by Dan E and seconded by John F. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

\*\*\* Minutes submitted by Adam Thorson