

Peru Park and Recreation Minutes

February 12, 2024

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

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

Absent: Jeff Puetz

I- Guests: Mayor Ken Kolowski, Alderman Andy Moreno, Alderman Jason Edgcomb, Alderman Bob Tieman, Alderman Tom Payton, Alderman Jim Lukosus, Maribeth Wilson, Scotty Miller

II- Previous Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2024 meeting was made by Ray Z and seconded by Dan E.

III- Revenue and Expense Report

The Revenue and Expense Report was presented to the board by Adam T and discussed overage in line items due to construction projects at the park.

IV- New Business

Communications:

Central States committee member Scotty Miller stated that July 12 is the opening ceremony for Central States at Happ Field at Washington Park, with games beginning July 13.

Discuss 2024 City Events:

Adam T stated that the Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Centennial Park on March 23 beginning at 11am for a reserved sensory hour. Children aged 0-5 from 12-12:30 and children aged 6 and up from 12:30-1. Hy-Vee and State Farm sponsored the event and will be in attendance.

Ray Z stated Touch a Truck will be Saturday, June 15 from 12-3pm at Centennial Park.

Discuss 28th St Park Upgrades:

Adam T stated that he had met with the playground rep from Cunningham Recreation at the park to discuss the budget and layout of the newly proposed project. Plans will come together in the next few months and will update the board.

John F questioned if there could be some sort of street lighting installed once the park project was completed.

Discuss 2024 Little League Opening Ceremony:

Liz G gave an update on the plans for the ceremony which includes teams from all Peru youth baseball, softball, and challenger leagues. The event will take place on Monday, April 29th at 5:30pm at McKinley Park. After the ceremony, there will be scrimmage games.

Liz G also stated the sound system at Happ field may need to be updated, along with Koplín field.

Adam T mentioned that he would communicate with new President of girls' softball and ask her to attend March meeting to introduce to the board and ask what upgrades they would like to see at the diamonds Peru girls' softball play at.

Discuss OSLAD Grant Opportunity:

Adam T informed the board that the city of Peru was awarded the OSLAD Grant from the State of IL for the winter recreation opportunities at Washington Park. This project will include the chillers for the ice rink and more upgrades at Washington Park. The City will proceed once the official letter of award is received. Adam T thanked all of those involved in applying for the grant.

V Unfinished Business

Seth B updated the board on summer camps, stating that there are 25-30 that are accounted for so far. Summer camp sign ups will begin May 1.

VII- Public Comment

Mayor Ken Kolowski presented the City of Peru Park board and department with an award from Illinois Parks and Recreation Association for the completion of the Sunset Park playground project for promoting play in the community.

VII- Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 6:49pm was made by John F and seconded by Ray Z. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

*** Minutes submitted by Adam Thorson