

## **Peru Park and Recreation Minutes**

**May 9, 2023**

Board Member Ray Zborowski called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

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

**Absent:** Linda Dzierzynski, Steve Michelini

**I- Guest:** None

### **II- Previous Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 2023 meeting was made by Jeff P and seconded by Dan E. 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 he had received many positive remarks about the Little League Opening Ceremony. Adam T thanked board member Liz Grzybowski for taking the lead role in planning the event.

Liz G mentioned that she would be attending little league board meetings in May to get their feedback about the Opening Ceremony on what can be built on for next year. Adam T stated that someone had mentioned having a National Anthem before, along with making it easier for kids and coaches to know where to line up to make it an easier process to get kids and coaches on and off the field.

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

John F mentioned that a resident had asked if more surfacing can be added below the slides at 28<sup>th</sup> St Park and Baker Lake.

Ray Z asked about the updates with the dog park. Adam T stated that there will be a new entrance on the East side of the park, along with fencing additions to the North and the East to expand and make the area larger. Adam T said that the addition of the new entrance should prevent the current entrance from getting torn up and being able to rotate which entrance is open every few weeks.

**Discuss Sunset Park Playground plans:**

Adam T informed the board of the plans on how to proceed with the project. Adam T presented the project to the City Council at the recent meeting and answered any questions. Adam T also stated that there will be no cuts within the project like recently stated due to the budget. \$120,000 is budgeted for the project, while the project total is \$138,454.14. Adam T discovered a grant opportunity within the supplying company and the paperwork has been submitted, and grants are awarded on June 1<sup>st</sup>. If the grant paperwork is accepted, the City will meet the budget number of \$120,000 for the project.

**Discuss Camps, Programs and Splash Pad:**

Seth B stated that camp signups are online and began on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Seth B stated that he has 8-9 returning Splash Pad employees and hiring 4-5 new employees. Seth B has CPR and First Aid training set up with Peru Ambulance Service.

**Discuss Washington Park naming event:**

Adam T mentioned that he has confirmed the date to be Sunday, July 30 at 2pm in the afternoon at Washington Park. Adam T has asked board members to come up with ideas to get people to the park to make it a worthy and special event. It was decided that the board will reconvene in June to discuss more logistics of the event.

**V Unfinished Business**

None

**VII- Public Comment**

None

**VII- Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn at 7:15pm was made by Dan E and seconded by John F. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

\*\*\* Minutes submitted by Adam Thorson