

Peru Park and Recreation Minutes

April 9, 2024

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

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

Absent: Dan Eiten

I- Guests: Mayor Ken Kolowski, Alderman Andy Moreno, Alderman Bob Tieman

II- Previous Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2024 meeting was made by Jeff P and seconded by Ray Z.

III- Revenue and Expense Report

The Revenue and Expense Report was emailed the following day.

IV- New Business

Communications:

Adam T stated the Easter Egg Hunt was well attended. Discussion was had on how to make it more organized when attendance is higher, like how it has been in recent years. Discussion was made on how the park can be split into quadrants and different starting points to prevent one rush of people.

Adam T stated that the Michelini family has donated the cost of concrete at McKinley Park for new batting cages for the Peru Girls softball league. The City would purchase the nets and Illinois Valley Fence would build the uprights for the netting system.

Discuss Little League Opening Ceremony:

Liz G had no update at the time and had the event planned for 5:30pm at Washington Park on Monday, April 29, with both Boys Little League and the Challenger League participating in the event. Peru Girls Softball League has plans to have their own event at McKinley Park.

Adam T stated that the City believes the event at McKinley Park will cause traffic issues and present a public safety concern.

Discuss 28th St Park Upgrades:

Adam T presented two options for the planned newly constructed playground at 28th St Park. The two options were discussed, and more discussion is to be had at the scheduled May meeting to choose which option is preferred by the board.

Adam T presented a new playground project at Baker Lake, north of the Lighted Way facility. This project is planned to be fully funded by the Schweikert Family.

Discuss Splash Pad & Summer Camps:

Adam T stated that the new Splash Pad feature has been delivered and will be installed by opening day.

Seth B stated that there are 38 summer camps this summer.

Seth B requested that the City look into sealant at the splash pad because there are some areas that appear the original sealant is failing.

V Unfinished Business

Adam T stated that the City is waiting for final signatures from the State of Illinois to be able to proceed with the OSLAD grant project.

Adam T stated the Taste of the Illinois Valley entertainment flyers are to be sent out in the April utility bills, followed by 50/50 raffle tickets in the May utility bills.

VII- Public Comment

VII- Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 7:14pm was made by John F and seconded by Jeff P. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

*** Minutes submitted by Adam Thorson