

## **Peru Park and Recreation Minutes**

**July 9, 2024**

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

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

**Absent:** Board Member - Liz Grzybowski

**I- Guests:** Alderman Bob Tieman, Alderman Andy Moreno, Mayor Ken Kolowski, St. Bede Tennis Coach Jill Urban-Bollis, LP Tennis Coach Aaron Guenther, Starved Rock Media Jeremy Aitken

### **II- Previous Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2024 meeting was made by Jeff P and seconded by Ray Z.

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

Adam T presented the Parks budget. Seth B stated that the splash pad labor might be higher than usual since there have been more birthday parties and cleaning, which has required more employees. Adam T stated it should even out more once back to school hours take place and the facility's hours cut down.

### **IV- New Business**

#### **Communications:**

Ray Z stated that he received positive feedback from the July 3 firework show.

Jeff P stated that the music synched to the firework show was great.

Jeff P stated that he has received positive feedback from the camps that the City has provided.

Steve M stated that Touch a Truck could be enhanced with more activities such as bags and other games.

#### **Discuss OSLAD Grant:**

Adam T stated that CIMCO refrigeration provided the City with a proposal for \$1.7 million, which was more than anticipated. Custom Ice Inc provided the City a proposal for \$584,000, which is closer to the budgeted number with the City. Adam T stated that he is working with engineering with the bid process.

#### **Discuss Splash Pad and Summer Camps:**

Seth B stated there have been a lot of birthday parties held at the facility.

Seth B stated the facility is open until Labor Day weekend.

Seth B stated that he and Adam T are working together to identify maintenance work that needs to be completed because the facility is beginning to show age.

Seth B stated summer camps have great overall numbers and that the second half of camps and programs are continuing.

#### **Discuss Music Under the Oaks:**

Adam T stated that Ray's Rocket's is the next concert from 6-9pm at Centennial Park with Maria's food truck serving food.

### **Discuss 2024 Taste of the Illinois Valley:**

Adam T stated that over \$20,000 has been sponsored so far for the event, and the 50/50 total was estimated at \$3,000 total. The dates are August 1, 2 and 3 at Centennial Park.

### **Discuss Pickleball and Tennis Courts:**

Adam T stated that pickleball players had attended a City Council meeting, requesting that pickleball court lines be painted on tennis courts at Washington Park. The reasoning was to accommodate the amount of pickleball players that play throughout the week.

Peru tennis camp instructor and St. Bede tennis coach Jill Urban-Bollis stated her opinion that tennis courts to remain strictly tennis courts for their play, and that no lines should be placed on the courts. Extra lines can be confusing to beginning tennis players and can also be confusing during high school match play.

LP tennis coach Aaron Guenther reiterated the point that tennis courts need to remain tennis courts, and that the sport of tennis is not going away.

Park Board members agreed that the City should not paint pickleball court lines on the tennis courts.

Alderman in attendance stated that there are other solutions to the issue, instead of a solution coming at the expense of tennis.

Adam T agreed that there should be another solution and that there should not be pickleball lines painted on the tennis courts.

Mayor Kolowski stated that he is working on a plan to create a solution for both parties involved.

### **Discuss Park Board Member Terms:**

Adam T mentioned that each Park Board Member's term is due to expire at the end of September, and for each member to decide if they would like to be re-appointed to another term on the board.

### **V Unfinished Business**

### **VII- Public Comment**

### **VII- Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn at 7:25pm was made by Ray Z and seconded by Jeff P. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

\*\*\* Minutes submitted by Adam Thorson