

## **Peru Park and Recreation Minutes**

**November 12, 2024**

Board Member Ray Zborowski called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**Attendance:** Board Members – Steve Michelini, Ray Zborowski, Jeff Puetz, John Fusinatto, Liz Gzrybowski, Scotty Miller, Douglas Olivero, Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events - Adam Thorson

**Absent:** Board Members – Dan Eiten, Jill Bernal, Recreation Manager Seth Brannan

**I- Guests:** Mayor Ken Kolowski

### **II- Previous Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes from the October 8, 2024 meeting was made by Jeff P and seconded by John F.

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

Adam T presented the Parks expense report.

### **IV- New Business**

#### **Communications:**

Adam T introduced the two newest members appointed to the Parks and Recreation Board, Douglas Olivero and Scotty Miller.

Ray Z mentioned that Washington Park's Happ Field, host of the Central Region Baseball tournament, along with many City leagues, local school leagues and travel leagues, needs new backstop and bleacher re-construction to make the field safer and a better visual at Washington Park. Adam T stated that he would proceed to get pricing estimates for the project.

Steve M stated that he received positive feedback regarding the Halloween event, but someone had mentioned to him that hotdogs used to be served, along with pumpkin decorating.

Liz G updated the board that local Little League groups are now combining leagues beginning in the 2025 season. This includes Peru, LaSalle and Oglesby. Adam T stated as for Peru's Park system, this does not change much of the workload and expect roughly the same amount of play in Peru. Mayor Kolowski stated that the City of Peru gives a donation to Peru Little League annually, and that the City of Peru will want to continue to contribute but will have to decide how to contribute with other City leagues being a part of that as well.

## **V Unfinished Business**

### **Update 28<sup>th</sup> St Park:**

Adam T stated that the timeline for the delivery and installation of the equipment had been slightly delayed but is ongoing and hopeful for a completion date at the end of November, but could be delayed due to weather concerns.

### **Update Sunset Park:**

Adam T stated the lights have been completed by the City of Peru Electric Department, and that the concrete work and the backstop work is close to being completed. The roofing system for the dugouts is currently out for proposals and should be constructed by the start of the softball season.

### **Discuss Veterans Park:**

Adam T stated that the outfield fence is being extended on the larger diamond for the field to be more playable for IVCC and the Pistol Shrimp.

### **Discuss Washington Park OSLAD Grant:**

Adam T stated that Chamlin is creating the bid documents for the ice chilling unit, and that sidewalk work in Washington Park is currently ongoing.

### **Discuss Christmas Parade:**

Adam T stated the Christmas Parade will be Saturday, December 7 beginning at 4pm at Washington and following the same route as last year, ending at Peru Municipal Building with an event to follow. Any board members interested and available to volunteer that evening would be greatly appreciated.

## **VII- Public Comment**

Board Member Jeff P stated that the Peru CSO begins Veteran's banner take down on Saturday, November 16 and putting up Christmas decorations Sunday, November 24.

Board Member Liz G asked where the pool referendum stands now that the referendum passed on November 5. Mayor Kolowski stated there would be a committee put together to bring a plan to the City Council to be able to proceed.

## **VII- Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn at 6:54pm was made by Steve M and seconded by Jeff P. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

\*\*\* Minutes submitted by Adam Thorson