

Peru Park and Recreation Minutes

October 8, 2024

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

Attendance: Board Members – Steve Michelini, Jeff Puetz, John Fusinato, Jill Bernal, Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events - Adam Thorson

Absent: Board Members – Ray Zborowski, Dan Eiten, Liz Grzybowski. Recreation Manager Seth Brannan

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

II- Previous Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2024 meeting was made by Jeff P and seconded by John F.

III- Revenue and Expense Report

Adam T presented the Parks expense report. Adam T stated that \$6,000 allocated to “Landscaping” would be reallocated to “R&M Park Equipment”. This was for the cost sharing funds disbursed to Ax Church for the Baker Lake playground project.

Adam T stated that the airshow line item has funds disbursed from the 2024 show from light towers, portable toilet rentals etc. and that the funds for the 2025 airshow will be disbursed in February.

IV- New Business

Communications:

Adam T stated that the City has received positive feedback about the October 5 Chicago Blue’s concert at Centennial Park. The City will look to plan a Blue’s night for future years.

Steve M stated that the Peru softball board had approached him asking if the City would construct a new bathroom building and concession stand at Sunset Park.

Jill B stated that Little League would benefit from opening the concession stand at Washington Park while Peru Catholic’s fall season is taking place.

John F stated that the dock at Baker Lake needs some repairs soon.

Jill B stated that the concrete of the west side shelter at Baker Lake needs to be cleaned.

V Unfinished Business

Update 28th St Park:

Adam T stated that the timeline for the delivery and installation of the equipment hasn't changed. The delivery of the equipment will be Wednesday, October 9 at Double D Warehouse. The installation date has not been set yet, but hope it will be by the end of October.

Update Sunset Park:

Adam T stated the lights are currently being constructed by the City of Peru Electric Department. The concrete company and fence company plan to complete their work in the next few weeks.

Discuss Halloween in the Park:

Adam T stated that Halloween in the Park will be Saturday, October 26 from 12:30-3pm. 12:30-1pm will be reserved for children with special needs. Multiple local businesses will be a part of the event this year. Hocus Pocus Hags will perform at 2:30pm.

Adam T stated that there is a Halloween home decorating contest beginning on October 17. Pictures of decorated homes must be submitted to the City by October 15, then the pictures will be uploaded to Facebook for viewing and voting. Gift card prizes will be given to the top 4 places.

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.

VII- Public Comment

VII- Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 6:30pm was made by Jeff P and seconded by John F. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

*** Minutes submitted by Adam Thorson