

Peru Park and Recreation Minutes

September 10, 2024

Board Member Ray Zborowski called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

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

Absent: Board Member – Steve Michelini

I- Guests: Alderman Bob Tieman, Bob Navarro

II- Previous Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2024 meeting was made by Dan E and seconded by John F.

III- Revenue and Expense Report

Adam T presented the Parks expense report.

IV- New Business

Communications:

Adam T stated that GMB had canceled the upcoming tournament that was scheduled at Veteran's Park on September 14 & 15 due to lack of signups. The tournament scheduled for September 28 & 29 is still scheduled.

Bob Tieman inquired about which park was due for upgrades next. Adam T stated that there are no plans yet and will be discussed at a future park board meeting.

Seth B mentioned all the splash pad shelters have been freshly stained and the pillars of the buildings will be stained next season.

Adam T mentioned that he will meet with RainDrop to discuss maintenance issues.

Introduction of Bob Navarro – Heritage Corridor Destinations:

Bob Navarro was introduced by board member Jill Bernal. Bob N works with the County on grants and promoting local events. Bob N briefed the board on what he can help with in Peru, providing assistance with grants and promotions of local events by getting the promotions to other areas other than our centralized local community. Adam T and Alderman Bob T mentioned that it would be beneficial to have Bob N speak at a committee meeting to present what he can assist with.

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 and installation are planned for mid to late October.

Bob T inquired about the potential for electricity placed in the shelter at the park. Adam T stated he would ask the Electric Department.

Update Sunset Park:

Adam T stated the lights are currently being constructed. Once the Electric Department has the underground work completed, the concrete work will begin, along with the fence. The work is expected to be completed by the middle of October.

Discuss Music Under the Oaks:

Adam T stated there has been one concert added to end the season. Saturday, October 5 from 5-8pm at Centennial Park Willie Buck – Real Chicago Blues will be performing.

Ray Z stated that more concerts in the fall and moving the time ahead an hour or more would be appreciated by the community.

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.

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.

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.

VII- Public Comment

VII- Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 7:23pm was made by Jeff P and seconded by Ray Z. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

*** Minutes submitted by Adam Thorson