

## **Peru Park and Recreation Minutes**

**July 8, 2025**

Board President Steve M called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

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

**Absent:** Board Member – Liz Grzybowski

**I- Guests:** Alderman Bob Tieman

### **II- Previous Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2025 meeting was made by Doug O and seconded by Ray Z.

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

Adam T presented the Parks expense report. Adam T stated that FY25's actual unaudited ended at 10% over budget. The FY26 budget is a total of \$2,788,674.

### **IV- New Business**

#### **Communications:**

Steve M stated that he received positive feedback about Peru fireworks.

Ray Z stated that he received positive feedback about the Peru fireworks, but someone mentioned to Ray Z that there is not much for teenagers to do.

Ray Z reported that Touch a Truck was overall well attended and a steady crowd. There were 16 vehicles/companies that attended the event. 140 hot dogs were given out, along with water and chips.

Adam T reported on Liz Grzybowski's communication items:

- IVBL Presidents and VP's plan to meet with City Mayor's and Park Directors to discuss how the season went and address any concerns.
- Girls' softball has no intent to combine leagues.
- Shout out to Tara Backes, Adam Thorson, Bob Ghighi for being on standby to allow district softball tournament to use Peru fields with weather conditions.
- Juniors' baseball won district and advanced to state.
- Baseball league is waiting for confirmation on what other cities donated to the league.
- Received positive comments and Peru Parks being the best around in terms of playground equipment and choices for kids.

- Has received comments and questions from the public about the proposed sports complex and economic impact that it would bring.

## **V Unfinished Business**

### **2025 Events:**

Adam T stated that the upcoming Music Under the Oaks is scheduled for Friday, July 11 with Radium City Rebels performing and Hy-Vee selling food, followed by Friday, July 18 with Samurai Necktie performing and Thyme serving food.

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

Adam T stated that the event is scheduled for July 31, August 1 and August 2. Over \$30,000 has been collected in sponsor funds to allow the kids' activities to remain free. Live music and entertainment include Abby Normal band, Hillbilly Rockstarz, Joe Majors, and Pandora's Box, along with Dreamwave wrestling.

### **Discuss 2025 Projects:**

Adam T stated that the playground equipment and the standalone exercise equipment are scheduled to be installed in the Fall. The ice rink work is ongoing.

Adam T reported that there is a group working to complete the diamond project at Washington Park's Happ Field. This project will likely begin in the Fall of 2025 once the summer season and school seasons end. The goal is to have this project completed by the spring of 2026. This project includes new dugouts, backstop, storage/announcing booth, and tearing out the current bleacher system to have a complete and more updated field for games and tournaments that take place at the facility throughout the year.

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

Seth B stated that the fourth week of summer camps has started and there are three weeks left of the camps and programs.

Seth B stated that the splash pad has been consistently busy with the hot weather.

## **VII- Public Comment**

Adam T stated that the public pool meeting is scheduled for July 14 at 5:00pm.

**VII- Adjournment** A motion to adjourn at 6:38pm was made by Dan E and seconded by Ray Z. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

\*\*\* Minutes submitted by Adam Thorson