

Centralia Park Board Meeting Minutes (unapproved)
Tuesday, August 20, 2013
Centralia Recreation Center – 12:00 PM Noon

Park Board Members Present: Mike Kinkead, Dick Ward, Dale Davidson, Richard Dickerson, and Bev Reynolds.

Also Present: Tad Dunn-Park Director, Andrea Owens-Park Department Secretary, and Lynn Behrns-City Administrator.

Meeting was called to order at 12:06 PM by Park Board President, Mike Kinkead.

Minutes of the July 16, 2013 were approved by consent.

Treasurer's Report was approved by consent.

Lynn Behrns addressed the issue of new healthcare guidelines to be implemented in the fiscal year 2014.

Swimming Pool

It was reported the pool attendance to date has just surpassed the 12,000 mark, which is down from the 16,000 total attendance to date in 2012, due to cooler July temperatures.

The pool is currently only open on Saturday and Sundays from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM, with the exception of Monday September 2nd, being the last day the pool will be open for the season from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

The total number of patrons enrolled in swim lessons this summer was 159.

Staff will begin draining the pool at 5:00 PM on Labor Day—Harper Plumbing will winterize the pool the following week.

It was reported that the high school P.E. classes will be using the pool Monday thru Fridays for the next two weeks.

Discussion was held about the need for signage to be placed outside of pool stating the pool policies regarding the pool closing early due to weather, temperature, and/low attendance.

Recreation Center

The Recreation Center currently has 2358 members.

The new two month class sessions will begin Tuesday September 3rd and run through Friday, November 1st.

Kids Club began August 15th, and has approximately 60-70 children attending at this time. Kids Club staff consists of: Velda McKenzie, Kylie Johnston, Jake Enlow, and Madison McCord. Raychel Hamlin and Bailey Jerome will be helping as needed.

Raychel Hamlin and Morgan Cole are two new receptionists at front desk of Recreation Center.

Richard Dickerson moved with a second from Dick Ward to allow Recreation Center to replace the keyboard and monitor at the front desk of Recreation Center. Motion passed unanimously.

Park Director reported that one bike and one treadmill has been sold, and that the new cardio equipment will be installed next week, which includes: 2 Spin Bikes, 2 Treadmills, and 1 Recumbant Bike.

Park Update

Lynn Behrns discussed the plans for City Hall and City Square to become ADA compliant by Simmons Associates to make the necessary upgrades and changes. The Parks Department will be responsible for the expense of the upgrades to the Gazebo. More information to be gathered and will be addressed at next meeting.

The playground installation at Nathan A. Toalson Bicentennial Park is complete. Discussion was held to repair old playground equipment instead of tearing it down.

The Disc Golf course baskets (1-9) have been implemented throughout City Park. The T-boxes will be put up this week. Upon completion, a Disc Course Map will be placed at the entrance of City Park.

The conditioner is being worked into West Field and will be ready for softball games to be held in a few weeks.

Park Director reported the Park Crew is in the process of marking the dead trees throughout the park system—approximately 12 trees will need to be cut down this Fall.

By unanimous consent, the request for 20 picnic tables to be used by the Columbia Roots N Blues Festival has been denied due to events taking place at the Centralia Parks during the same time period.

Items That May Arise

Park Crew will be pulling weeds at JayCee Park and at Volleyball Court area.

Park Director will get cost estimate on replacing the signs at Bicentennial Park Shelter.

Discussion was held about the need to purchase oil based paint to fix the chipping paint at North Shelter House.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Andrea Owens, Park Department Secretary