

Centralia Park Board Meeting Minutes (unapproved)
Tuesday, July 19, 2016
Centralia Recreation Center –12:00 PM

Park Board Members Present: Mike Kinkead, Bev Reynolds, Harold Ward, Laurie Peavler, and JoDean Newsted.

Also Present: Erle Bennett-Park Director, Andrea Owens-Park Department Secretary, and Nathan Kuhn-Assistant/Intern to City Administrator.

Meeting was called to order at 12:09 p.m. by Park Board President, Mike Kinkead.

Minutes from the June 21, 2016 were approved by consent.

The Treasurer's Report was approved by consent.

Recreation Center

It was reported that the Rec Center currently has 2,882 members. Last month the membership was 2,901, and last year the membership was 2,745.

MWF Yoga and Evening Aerobics at 5:30 p.m. will begin August 1, 2016 for a new class session. All other classes will begin August 15, 2016---a detailed list of classes will be announced the first week of August. Sign up forms will available at this time as well.

There are several patrons utilizing half of the gymnasium to play pickle ball on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m.

Harold Ward made a motion with a second from JoDean Newsted for the front desk and middle desk computers to be upgraded to Windows 7---cost to be determined by Rec Center technician. Motion passed unanimously.

The Park Director reported that half of the Rec Center gymnasium will be utilized by the Centralia basketball teams for practices this winter in the mornings before school starts. Specific days to be determined at a later date.

Park Report

The Park Director reported that the Park employees have worked the past two weeks on cleaning up tree limbs and debris from the storm. Many fallen trees have been cut up, and several will need to be removed from the parks this fall.

Some of the other damage done by the storm include: A dug out at North field was demolished, the roof on South Shelter is damaged, the flagpole rope at BC was torn, and an umbrella at the pool is broken.

The Park Director gave a recap of all projects completed/to be completed in the Parks:

- The support of the covered bridge has been poured, and the floor has been installed.
- The walls of the covered bridge will be installed next week.
- A picnic area with a bench and grill has been placed at City Park- Landscaping to follow.
- Due to storm damage, a new dug out will be installed at North field.
- A sandbox will be installed at the South field playground.
- The concessions stands floors will be painted.
- Turf in the North field batting cage will be glued down.
- The rope on the flagpole at Bicentennial park needs to be replaced.
- The roof at JayCee Park will be repaired.
- Bollards will be installed at Bicentennial park area.
- Sand has been mixed into the ball fields---plans to till them are underway.

The Park Director reported that the 4th of July events in the Parks were a huge success with activities happening at City Park all day long. Some of the festivities included: Local vendors, bounce house, craft table, face painting, fishing derby, 5K run, 3 on 3 basketball, Hantis tournaments, a band, concessions, hot air balloon with prizes given away, and the firework show. The Parks Department plans to make this an annual event.

Pool Report

The pool attendance to date is 7,769. Last year attendance at this time was 7,474.

The Park Director reported that the pool had to replace the sump pump this season. Discussion was held regarding the purchase of an additional sump pump for next season.

The Park Director reported that the north end of the parking lot, and the east side of the pool are in need of more lighting.

The pool parking lot is virtually complete, with the addition of landscaping to be completed soon. Striping will be completed in August.

Items Which May Arise:

Decision was made by unanimous consent to implement a policy regarding the use of social media and employees. A policy will be written up and adopted for approval at a later date.

The Intern for the City Administrator, Nathan Kuhn, reported that the truck donated by the City will take place within 2 weeks.

Next meeting scheduled for noon on Tuesday, August 16, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Andrea Owens Parks and Recreation Dept Secretary