Centralia Park Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

Centralia Recreation Center

12:00 PM

**Park Board Members Present:** Phil Hulen, Richard Dickerson, Todd Alden, John Wheeler, Lindsey Magley, Mandi Barnes, Bev Reynolds, and Jessi O’Bannon.

**Also Present:** Erle Bennett—Park Director, Andrea Owens—Secretary, and Brandon Kinkead- Pool Manager.

Meeting was called to order at 12:03p.m. by President, Phil Hulen.

The Minutes from January 11, 2024, were approved by consent, with edits to the year (2024) and meeting place Centralia Recreation Center.

The January 2024 Treasurer’s Report was approved by consent.

**Pool Report**

Brandon Kinkead reported he had received 8 Lifeguard applications and only needed to hire 4 new Guards for the 2024 Season. He gave a Swim Test to all 8 applicants. Richard Dickerson made a motion with a second from Linsdey Magley to hire the following Lifeguards for 2024: Claire Brinkman, Kassena Ridgel, Abby Asbury, and Natalie Kropf. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding the pool hours being open 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and open 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sundays. A schedule of Twilight Swims on Friday nights was presented to the Board---see attached full Pool Information Sheet.

The Park Director reported that the Swimming Pool will utilize a Square Point of Sales System this Summer to accept credit and debit cards.

Pool parties will not be scheduled until after April 5, 2024 due to waiting until after the Swim Conference meeting that schedules all of the Swim Meets.

Brandon Kinkead left at 12:18 p.m.

**Closed Session**

John Wheeler made a motion to go into closed session. Richard Dickerson seconded the motion. Phil Hulen asked that the motion be accepted by role call vote. Voting for: Richard Dickerson, John Wheeler, Todd Allen, Jessi O’Bannon, Lindsey Magley, Mandi Barnes, Bev Reynolds, and Phil Hulen. Voting Against: None. The session was now closed.

Discussion was held with no votes taken.

Richard Dickerson asked for the meeting to come out of closed session. Linsdey Magley seconded the motion. Phil Hulen asked that the motion be adopted by role call vote. Voting for: Richard Dickerson, John Wheeler, Todd Allen, Lindsey Magley, Mandi Barnes, Jessi O’Bannon, Bev Reynolds, and Phil Hulen. Voting Against: None. The session was now open.

Richard Dickerson left at 1:03 p.m.

**Recreation Center**

It was reported that the Recreation Center currently has 2,789 members. Last month the membership was 2,735 and last year the membership was 2,706.

The following classes are being offered at the Centralia Recreation Center:

* Senior in Shape taught by Christyne Robertson held Monday thru Friday 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—52 total signed up, with an average attendance of 25 participants daily.
* Body Fit taught by Christyne Robertson held Monday thru Thursday 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.—11 participants.
* 5 AM Kick Fit taught by Samantha Bryson held Tuesday and Thursdays 5:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. –8 participants.

The Park Director reported that Kids Club is continuing to go well with approximately 46-50 kids participating on a regular basis.

The Park Director discussed the East ADA parking lot spaces hold water and has a tendency to form black ice in the Winter months. Looking to replace asphalt this Summer 2024.

**Park**

The Park Director reported plans are underway to begin the construction of the restroom at the East Field for an estimated amount of $10,0000.

The Park Director informed the Board that the Friends of the Park are having a Family Fun Day as a fundraiser to be held at the Golf Course on May 18, 2024. Details to be announced at a later date.

The Park Director requested that the Board form a Trail Committee to address specific ideas for a walking trail through the Parks.

Discussion was held regarding renovations to the Tennis Court and Basketball Court and addition of Pickle Ball Courts at the City Recreation Park.

The Park Director reported that he would like to add a Batting Cage at the South Field this Summer 2024.

Discussion was held regarding The Friends of the Park having local companies to advertise their businesses on Ball Field fences.

**Golf**

The Park Director reported that the new windows in the patio have been installed and the interior trim is being painted. The counters have been installed.

The Friends of the Park have discussed the possibility of holding Texas Hold-Em Tournaments at the Clubhouse. Details to be determined.

Discussion was held having sponsors on the tee boxes at each hole.

Discussion was held regarding selling advertising on score cards.

The Park Director reported that the Golf Course needs to replace a Greens Mower. The Park Director and Golf Course Superintendent have found a used Greens Mower for $14,500.00.

**Items Which May Arise**

Mandi Barnes made a motion to adopt the proposed 2024-2025 proposed Pay Scale. Motion passed unanimously.

The Recreation Center Committee will meet Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at Noon. The Park and Golf Committee will be scheduled for next week as well.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at noon at the Recreation Center.

Meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Andrea Owens, Parks, and Recreation Dept Secretary.