

Centralia Park Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 19, 2023
Centralia Recreation Center
12:00 PM

Park Board Members Present: Dale Davidson, Richard Dickerson, Todd Alden, John Wheeler, Lindsey Magley, Bev Reynolds, and Jessi O'Bannon.

Also Present: Erle Bennett—Park Director, Andrea Owens—Secretary, and Harold Deckerd.

Meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m. by Vice President, Dale Davidson.

The Minutes from August 15, 2023, were approved by consent.

The Treasurer's Report was not ready at this time. The Park Director gave a comparison of Financial Reports revenue and expenses from September 2022 and September 2023 for each department.

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

During the closed session, Richard Dickerson made a motion with a second from Bev Reynolds to hire Elexis Lawson and Aaliya Walker as Kids Club Assistants at a pay rate of \$10.00 an hour. Dale Davidson asked that the motion be adopted by role call vote. Voting for: Dale Davidson, Richard Dickerson, John Wheeler, Todd Allen, Lindsey Magley, Bev Reynolds, and Jessi O'Bannon. Voting Against: None.

There being no further business, Richard Dickerson asked for the meeting to come out of closed session. Jessi O'Bannon seconded the motion. Dale Davidson asked that the motion be adopted by role call vote. Voting for: Dale Davidson, Richard Dickerson, John Wheeler, Todd Allen, Lindsey Magley, Bev Reynolds, and Jessi O'Bannon. Voting Against: None. The session was now open.

Recreation Center

It was reported that the Recreation Center currently has 2,783 members. Last month the membership was 2,782 and last year the membership was 2,543.

The University of Missouri will be conducting a free "Falls Prevention Workshop" in the Activity Room from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. every Wednesday starting September 27, 2023, through November 15, 2023, for a total of 8 classes. For registration contact Kathy at 573-540-1100.

The Park Director reported that Kids Club is going very well with 73 participants signed up, and approximately 45-55 attend on a daily basis.

The Park Director reported that all Fitness Center equipment was inspected last week by Doug's Fitness Repair. The Matrix treadmill's belt will be lubed and the electronic console on the second treadmill will be replaced.

The Park Director reported that the water fountains in the Fitness Center have been remounted.

The Park Director reported the floor in the lobby has been stained where the shelves were removed, and the painting project is complete.

Park

The Park Director reported that the replacement decks for the North Shelter playground have been installed.

The Park Director reported that the slide at the South Shelter playground has been repaired, and the new slide will be installed at the North Shelter playground.

The Park Director reported that the dirt work at the Bull pen at North Field is complete and will be seeded.

The Park Director reported that the Park Department has purchased a watering trailer through the TRIM Grant.

Plans are underway to remove trees in the middle of October 2023, and to also plant new replacement trees as part of the TRIM Grant.

The Park Director reported that the JayCee Park Shelter House roof is in need of repair.

The Park Director informed the Board that the bathrooms in the Parks will be closed and winterized October 30, 2023.

The Park Director reported that the Park Department needs to purchase a 72" Mower for \$16,000 after fiscal year in April 2024.

The Wine/Whiskey Walk sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce is being held at the City Square Saturday October 7, 2023 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Pumpkin Festival is being held at the City Square on Saturday, October 7, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Pool

The Park Director reported that the Splash Pad has been closed for the Season.

The Park Director informed the Board that a priority project is the Circulation System for the swimming pool.

Golf

There are currently 168 Golf Memberships, up from 130 last year, and cart storage has been up by 12 spaces since last year.

The Park Director informed the Board that Hubbell is donating \$7,500 for the Capital Campaign project.

The Park Director reported that the Golf Course will be closed from Noon September 19, 2023, through Noon September 20, 2023 due to core aerifying.

T-Box #1 and #6 have been excavated, seeded, fertilized, and watered.

The Irrigation System Pump needs to be replaced at a cost of \$30,000 and an additional \$10,000 to drill the well 200 feet deep.

The Park Director reported that 4 more areas will be planted in Wildflowers this Winter 2023.

This Saturday, September 23, 2023, is the Kiwanis Tournament, and the last tournament of the Season.

The Park Director reported there is one more year left on the lease with M & M Golf Cars.

The Park Director reported that the Clubhouse will close in mid-November 2023. Winter hours will be released at a later date.

Items Which May Arise

Discussion was held regarding the option of painting a Pickle Ball Court beside the Skate Park, no decision made at this time.

The Park Director reported he is going to research a Grant for a Walking Trail at City Recreation Park.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at noon at the Recreation Center.

Meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Andrea Owens, Parks and Recreation Dept Secretary.