

Centralia Park Board Meeting Minutes (unapproved)

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

Centralia Recreation Center—12:00 PM

Park Board Members Present: Mike Kinkead, Richard Dickerson, Bev Reynolds, Harold Ward, and Mandi Barnes.

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

Meeting was moved to the Recreation Center due to heat. Meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by Park Board President, Mike Kinkead.

The Minutes for June 20, 2017 were approved by consent.

The Treasurer's Report was approved by consent.

Recreation Center

It was reported that the Rec Center currently has 2,875 members. Last month the membership was 2,886 and last year the membership was 2,901.

Discussion was held regarding the fee structure at the Recreation Center. Further discussion will be held at next month's meeting.

The following is a list of classes being offered in July:

- ❖ Morning Mix held MWF from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. taught by Christyne Robertson—10 participants.
- ❖ Traditional Yoga held TTH from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. taught by Andrea Owens—8 participants.
- ❖ Seniors in Shape held MWF from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. taught by Christyne Robertson—19 participants.
- ❖ Evening Aerobics held M-TH from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. taught by Christyne Robertson—7 participants.
- ❖ Aqua-size held M-TH from 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. at City Pool taught by Consuelo Baum—12 participants.

A full schedule of classes for the fall will begin Monday, August 14, 2017. A list of classes will be available at the front desk the first week of August. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of offering a Kids Fit program for 2-5 year olds.

Park

The areas of the Parks have been assigned official address numbers and Park department in process of ordering signage.

The Park Director reported that most everything is completed and up to date within all of the park systems.

The next big project to be completed is the North pond—discussion was held regarding the option of adding a pier to the pond, and a pump to circulate the water. No decisions were made at this time.

The Park Director reported that Centralia Friends of the Park have raised \$3,500.00 thus far for new dug outs at the South field.

The Music nights and Movie nights in the Parks have been successful with attendance of anywhere from 30 to 100 people for Music nights, and 60 people for the July 15, 2017 Movie night of "Storks".

Brief discussion held regarding the Solar Eclipse on August 21, 2017—the School system and Park department will be working together with the Chamber of Commerce for places the community can watch the Eclipse.

Show Me Disc Sports in Columbia, Missouri will be hosting a Disc Golf Tournament at City Park in August—details to be announced at a later date.

The Park Director gave a recap of the 4th of July events that was held at City Park on Tuesday, July 4, 2017—high attendance at both morning events and for evening events of Ping Pong ball drop and fireworks show. The Park Director gave high praise

for the 32 minute Firework show this year. There were approximately 170 people that attended the City Pool to watch the fireworks.

Pool

The pool attendance to date is 6,321. Last year's attendance to date was 7,767.

Brandon Kinkead gave an overview of the pool:

- There were 12 participants enrolled in the first session of swimming lessons.
- There are 15 participants enrolled in the second session of swimming lessons.
- There were 86 participants in Swim Team—At Conference, 10 swimmers placed in the top 3; Three 1st place swimmers, Three 2nd place swimmers, and four 3rd place swimmers.
- There are 12-14 participants in the Aqua-Size class, and 8 participants in Water Walking.
- There are 5-10 seniors who enjoy the Free Senior Swim class on Friday mornings at 9:00 a.m.
- The pool has opened twice for a Twilight Swim from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., and mostly 7th to 9th graders attend this event.
- Employees at the Pool include: 14 Lifeguards, 3 Shift Leaders, 2 Managers, and 2 Substitute guards.
- Many Daycares are utilizing the Splash Pad on a daily basis.
- There have been 182 (20) Pass Cards sold, and 148 (100) Pass Cards sold this season.
- The two needs for the Pool include a repair to the lane rope roller and new filter covers.

The pool manager discussed the need to develop regulations for Swim Team next year, to include an age limit of 5, and to implement a swim test that needs to be passed before allowed on Swim Team.

The second Dive-in movie night will be held on Friday night July 21 with the movie "Finding Nemo" to be shown. Cost is regular daily admission or punch pass. Movie begins at 9:00 p.m.

Items Which May Arise

Discussion was held regarding lighting improvements to the parking lot at the Rec Center.

The Park Director reported he and Jim Lee will be conducting a tree audit this fall.

The expired terms of the following Park board members have been approved by the Mayor to be re-appointed for a three year term: Harold Beasley, Mike Kinkead, and Dale Davidson.

Meeting adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Andrea Owens Parks and Recreation Dept Secretary.