

Centralia Park Board Meeting Minutes (unapproved)  
Tuesday, October 16, 2018  
Centralia Recreation Center  
12:00 PM

**Park Board Members Present:** Mike Kinkead, Richard Dickerson, Mandi Barnes, Marilyn Dick, Bev Reynolds, Phil Hulen, and Dale Davidson.

**Also Present:** Erle Bennett-Park Director, Andrea Owens-Secretary.

Meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m. by Park Board President, Mike Kinkead.

The Minutes from September 18, 2018 and September 28, 2018 were approved by consent.

The Treasurer's Report was not ready at this time.

### **Park**

The Park Director presented the Board with a playground proposal for South Field from Little Tikes for 5-12 year olds for \$42,999. Other proposals will be presented next month. Discussion was held to also research cost of adding play equipment to that area for children toddlers.

The Park Director reported that the benches and tables from the grant are in and will be installed at North pond and Teardrop area.

The Dug outs for the South Field will be delivered at the end of this week and will be installed once concrete is poured.

Discussion was held about the installation of the fountain at North Pond.

The Park Director reported that there were many compliments from the community about the success of the high school football players running the Flag Football this year.

The Park Director expressed the need to add the following expenditures to the 2019-2020 Budget, vote to be taken at a later date:

- ❖ Roof on Shed #30
- ❖ Remodel South Shelter Restroom
- ❖ Seal asphalt at North/Middle Shelter
- ❖ Replacing Lawn Mowers

The First Pumpkin Festival will be held at City Square this Saturday, October 20, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. There are approximately 60 Vendors signed up that will be selling various items, several food vendors, a Corn Hole Tournament, hay rides, pumpkin sales, games, and live music.

A Jack-O-Lantern contest will be held the following Saturday on October 27, 2018 beginning at 6:15 p.m. Contestants are to bring their already carved pumpkin to the City Square and the Park Department will provide battery tea lights. There will be two categories to be judged: One being a traditional Jack-O-Lantern face, and the other category being a unique carving that the individual creates. The winner of each category will receive a \$100 Visa card sponsored by Socket.

### **Recreation Center**

It was reported that the Rec Center currently has 2,969 members. Last month the membership was 3,000, and last year the membership was 2,874. The Rec Center currently has 72 Silver Sneaker participants enrolled.

The following is a list of classes that are being held for a Fall session:

- ❖ Morning Mix held MWF from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. taught by Christyne Robertson—12 participants.
- ❖ Seniors in Shape held MWF from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. taught by Christyne Robertson—24 participants.
- ❖ Evening Aerobics held M-TH from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. taught by Christyne Robertson-8 participants.

- ❖ Traditional Yoga held T/TH from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. taught by Andrea Owens-10 participants.
- ❖ 5 AM Sculpt Class held T/TH from 5:00 a.m. to 5:45 a.m. taught by Samantha Bryson-8 participants.
- ❖ Zumba Returns held Monday nights 7:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. taught by Jayci Gesling-9 participants.
- ❖ Noon Blast Class held T/TH from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. taught by Jayci Gesling- 6 participants.
  - The Blast Class will end Thursday, November 1, 2018 and will move to 5:00 PM beginning Tuesday, November 6, 2018, and will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:00 p.m. taught again by Jayci Gesling.

The Park Director reported that blinds are needed on the window of East wall in Fitness Center area, as well as in the gymnasium. The Park Director will research cost and report back to the Park Board at next meeting.

The Park Director reported that three pieces of fitness equipment will be replaced at an estimated cost of \$11,000, which will be part of the 2019-2020 Budget. A new air hockey table will be replaced as well for an estimated cost of \$5,000 in the 2019-2020 Budget year.

Sign-ups for the 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> Youth Basketball Program are underway and are due October 22, 2018. Forms were sent home via the school district, and are also available at the Recreation Center. Practice begins the first week of November.

The Park Director reported that the "Itty Bitty Ballers" basketball program for first and second graders has 63 participants. This clinic is being held on Sunday afternoons with practice and scrimmage for girls from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. followed by practice and scrimmage for boys from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The clinic is being taught by the high school basketball coaches and some of the high school players.

### **East Annex**

The Park Director reported that Charter will be installing internet and phone service at the East Annex building on October 19, 2018.

Alarm Communication will be finishing up the alarm system at the East Annex building on October 25, 2018.

The turf for bat mats and pitching carpets has been delivered to the East Annex for batting cage rentals.

The Park Director reported that the ACT (Alternative Community Training) folks are utilizing the East Annex building on a daily basis for cooking and life skills.

There is a 5 a.m. Panther Fitness Class being held at the East Annex-enrollments through Amber Davenport. A Faculty Fitness class is being taught through the Parks and Rec Department at 4:00 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays—Samantha Bryson teaches Kickboxing on Monday and Jayci Gesling teaches Zumba on Wednesdays.

The East Annex has weekend rentals for weddings and banquets for the next two months.

### **Pool**

The Park Director reported that the Park Maintenance workers just finished painting the slide at the pool.

The diving board platforms are being sandblasted and painted by Spirit Machinery.

Two valves will be replaced in the filter room.

The Splash pad is now closed for the season.

The Park Director reported the following projects need to be added to the 2019-2020 Budget:

- ◆ Additional air conditioner unit in the concession stand for \$3,000.
- ◆ Replace seven to eight manifolds on the filtration system at a cost of \$2,700.
- ◆ Repair concrete around pool area at a cost of \$500.
- ◆ Alterations to the starting blocks at a cost of \$1,000.
- ◆ A new lane reel for \$1,800.
- ◆ A new pool vacuum for \$1,500.

Discussion was held regarding a state funded program that will pay 16-18 year olds to gain work experience in certain settings. Park Director will research further to see if concession workers and custodial workers for next season can be hired through this program.

The Park Director reported that next season the pool will open the Saturday before Memorial Day, and close the weekend before Centralia Public School District starts classes.

**Items Which May Arise**

The Park Director reported that he is currently seeking information through local colleges requesting interns for next summer.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 27, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Andrea Owens Parks and Recreation Dept Secretary