

CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
PARK BOARD MEETING
Rock Island Fitness & Activity Center
4303 24th Street, Room 3
Rock Island IL 61201

2/18/20– Minutes

1. Call to Order

President Fred Dasso called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

2. Attendance

Members Present: Fred Dasso, Bill Anderson, John McEvoy, Don Deleu, Moses Robinson

Members Absent: Kate Hotle

Staff Present: John Gripp, Parks Director; Todd Winter, Assistant Director; Kimberly Kruse, Parks Administrative Office Manager

Staff Absent: none

Audience: none

3. Minutes of the January meeting.

Mr. Anderson approved the January minutes; Mr. McEvoy seconded. All voted yes.

4. Correspondence

Thank yous from Tour De Brew and Sherrard Library District were acknowledged.

5. Monthly Report from Finance Department as of December

Recreation programming ended strong. All facilities did well despite the bad weather conditions last year. Schwiebert was positive which is unheard for a park to sustain itself.

December Financials were reported to the board with a summary explanation of changes and discrepancies. There is a two month lag that will ensure that all revenues and expenditures are reported to give a more accurate look at the department financially.

6. Approval of the Bills for the Month of January: \$264,421.28

Mr. McEvoy moved to approve the bills for the Month of January in the amount of \$264,421.28. Mr. Robinson seconded. All voted yes.

7. Director's Report and other reports

The Schwiebert Park Dock gangway gave way but was retrieved from the river and set at the park. It is speculated that ice was let through the dam and took out the rest of the dock. It is being researched by the attorney and risk manager to figure a solution for repairs. The DCEO grant was awarded after filling out reporting since 2009 and quarterly filing thereafter due to lack of matching funding. It was finally awarded for 2020 and will take care of Douglas Park upgrades such as lighting. Staff made and served lunch for Christian Care. WIFI has been evaluated and boosted at RIFAC and other locations are being looked over to ensure quality connection when facilities open up again. Douglas will need it available for the irrigation and security monitoring. IPRA Conference was attended and staff brought back a wealth of knowledge. Highland Springs is getting a facelift with a new coat of paint at the clubhouse. Marc and John are working on the mowing contract. Douglas Park has flag poles up and is lit up for night time. The Hauberg lighting upgrades project is complete and AA will be moving their meetings to the Carriage House. The old park office has been a bit of disrepair and will be removed sometime this year. The Bike Path is funding for repairs but will be weather dependent on the flood forecast. Schwiebert Park will have the playground resurfaced with a pour and play material that will hold up better than the original material.

Campfire Concepts came in and did interviews with staff and put together strategic plans with suggestions on updates. There will be a rough draft put together to hand out to the park board next meeting. The Assistant Director met with fitness equipment providers to get bids and will then demo and get feedback from members on which one to go with as our current lease is up. Indoor golf lessons are going well for First Tee. Saukie flower bed being renovated after a plow did some damage. Concrete will be poured where the garbage bin is to repair as well.

Don Deleu made a note that the Highland Springs maintenance road needs attention. Staff will work with Public Works to try and get addressed.

The flooring in the pool storage room has been redone to allow for use as an all inclusive changing room.

Trees are being cut and maintained at both golf courses throughout the winter. The ash trees will be addressed as all have been affected by the Emerald Ash Borer now. David Morrison donated money to plant new trees come spring.

Concessions meetings were held to go over prices, offerings and sales comparisons. The Dad/Daughter dance was a success with around 400 participants. Fitness programs have been added including a kid's fitness class that is starting off well. Work is being done to update the grant application process to have a more streamlined process. There are far more organizations in need of funds so by having information ready to go specific to grant needs, it will help our chances of securing funds. The sweat equity challenge is under way at RIFAC. Members work out so many days in a row and can turn the card in for prizes. Basketball and cheer programs are underway.

David has installed lighting at the maintenance shed at the Complex. There is new storage for concessions as well. Douglas concessions area is being finished up. Plants are arriving for the greenhouse to go in planters for the year.

8. New Business

Special Event Application: Floatzilla

Mr. Robinson motioned to approve staff recommendation for the event as presented. Mr. Anderson seconded. All said yes.

First Tee is interested in investing in building a classroom at Highland Springs.

9. Old Business

The all day preschool is going well. Room 3 has been updated to accommodate lunches for the program.

Roy J. Carver Reporting has been submitted as required.

Mr. Anderson motioned to adjourn. Mr. Deleu seconded. All voted yes.

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm.

Kimberly B Kruse,
Parks & Recreation
Admin Office Manager