

CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
PARK BOARD MEETING
RIFAC Room 3
Rock Island IL 61201

2/15/22– 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, Mike Foley, Venessa Taylor, John McEvoy, **Judith Gilbert**

Members Absent: none

Staff Present: John Gripp, Executive Director; Todd Winter, Assistant Director; Kimberly Kruse, Parks Administrative Office Manager; Daniel Gleason, Special Events and Grants Manager

Staff Absent: none

Audience: none

3. January Park Board Minutes

Mr. McEvoy motion to approve the minutes as written; Mr. Foley seconded. All voted yes.

4. Thank you's from WQPT and RIHA Bowling Team were recognized.

5. Monthly Report from Finance Department as of December

Finances were presented through the end of 2021. There will still be some adjustments as the audit is done but it is a first look. Whitewater Junction and both golfs courses came out ahead for the seasons. Revenues are continuing to grow across the board, recovering from the pandemic. For the RIFAC numbers, it is important to keep in mind that the entire Johnson Controls project is shown even though the project is fully funded. Highland Springs looks exceptionally in the green due to the clubhouse project being funded and will be reflected in the 2021. The expenditure will be spread out over the next few years as the project is underway.

6. Approval of the Bills for the Month of January \$117,929.00.

Mr. Dasso: Aye Mr. Foley: Aye Mr. McEvoy: Aye Ms. Taylor: Abs (**technical difficulties but attempted to attend on time**) Ms. Gilbert: **Aye** Mr. Anderson: Aye

7. Director's Report and other reports

Preliminary work for the restoration of the Longview Park pond is underway. Met with the Friends of Longview Park. They are working on setting up a website and listing the history of the park. Met on the marketing aspect and how to direct people to the website. Highland Clubhouse meetings with the city inspector, architects and construction team are going well. Met with engineering and Crawford to figure out electrical details such as outlets, TVs, etc. There will be a meeting on Monday to finalize. The tentative groundbreaking date will be end of March. There has been another donation of \$5,000 from operating engineers towards the project. First Tee is expecting to double their enrollment with the expansions to Emeis, Two Rivers and the added instructors. Highland Springs will also contribute to that as well. Next year, there will be indoor programming options at the new clubhouse as well as at RIFAC. New dumbbells have been purchased for RIFAC. The Johnson Controls project for RIFAC is nearing an end. One boiler has been replaced along with both water tanks, dryers and finishing up the pipes before activating the digital thermostats. An additional bid to add pool filter repairs are being looked into as well before they complete the project.

Golf maintenance is knocking out dead ash trees for disposal. Recruitment is underway to hire seasonals. Tee markers and ball washers got painted. The mechanic is sharpening all the wheels. A Public Works employee filled in while the mechanic was out on medical leave.

Youth services and sports interns will attend the March park board meeting. GOAT event is coming back this year. This is a coop with Davenport. The sweetheart dance had 200 participants. This is a partnership with Moline. There are several special events coming up this Spring. The billboard is up on Blackhawk Road for RIFAC. Cheer and basketball are underway in the RIFAC rec gym. There is a struggle for space restraints but a good problem to have.

New dugouts are completed at the Complex. Bleachers with ADA compliance are installed. Friends of Douglas Park are working on an MLB Grant.

New planters have arrived for Schwiebert and Highland Springs. The cattle fencing is being replaced with permanent fencing that will look much better for events. The city is paying to have the Schwiebert docks put back.

8. New Business

COVID-19 mask mandates are said to be easing on February 28th. The preschool must follow the DCFS mandates therefore they will still require masks. If there is a COVID-19 case then the classroom will close.

Staff recommends approval with the caveat that the group is responsible for cleanup of Chalk Art Fest and washes off all chalk. Motion made by Mr. McEvoy. Seconded by Mr. Foley. All said yes.

Staff recommends approval of the Clark-Long Wedding as submitted. Motioned by Mr. McEvoy. Seconded by Mr. Foley. All said yes.

Staff recommends approval of the Ballet Quad Cities School of Dance event as submitted. Motioned by Mr. Foley. Seconded by Mr. McEvoy. All said yes.

Staff recommends approval of the NAMI Concert as submitted. Motioned by Mr. McEvoy. Seconded by Mr. Foley. All said yes.

Staff recommends approval of the Smith-Mitchell Wedding as submitted. Motioned by Mr. Anderson. Seconded by Mr. Foley. All said yes.

9. Other Business

Highland Clubhouse progress discussed in notes above.

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Gilbert. Ms. McEvoy seconded. All voted yes.

The meeting adjourned at 5:51 pm.

Kimberly B Kruse,
Parks & Recreation
Admin Office Manager