

CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
PARK BOARD MEETING
RIFAC, Room 5
Rock Island IL 61201

4/18/23– 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, John McEvoy, Paul Hansen

Members Absent: Venessa Taylor

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. March Park Board Minutes

Mr. McEvoy motioned to approve the minutes as updated. Correction to #8. General Funds should say Gaming Funds. CIP means Capital Improvement Projects. Mr. Anderson seconded. All voted yes.

4. Thank you from the Sherrard High School Sponsor Committee and Christ the King Believes Together were recognized.

5. Monthly Report from Finance Department as of February

Through the end of February, met with Finance and City Manager to get Capital Projects taken out and separation of depreciation and getting better reporting. The first of the taxes will not be reflected until late April/early May. RIFAC is doing well with a positive balance. All facilities are gearing up to open. Whitewater Junction will open last weekend in May. Mr. Anderson asked about a large bill that was paid as the detail was not very clear. Mr. Gripp will work with Finance to get a report that explains in more detail. It was requested by Mr. Anderson to get a report that is easier to read.

6. Approval of the Bills for the Month of March for \$379,056.29

Mr. Dasso: Aye Mr. Foley: Aye Mr. McEvoy: Aye Ms. Taylor: Abs Mr. Hansen: Aye Mr. Anderson: Nay

7. Director's Report and other reports

Eagle scouts came to the foundation to ask for gaga pit projects and to update the picnic tables around Lake Potter. Participated in the IPRA webinar series. These are a great way to help with maintaining credits for CPRP. Questionnaires were given to council and have received four back. Meetings will be set up with the City Manager and each council member to ask follow up questions. Several tours of Firehouse #5 were conducted. There have been no takers and it will go to CED and council for a decision on what to do with it. The evaluation has shown asbestos and lead in the building. MLK and Parks staff met to discuss Family Fun Day to collaborate and discuss the growth of the event. OMA training was completed. Finished owner training for the Highland Springs Clubhouse. There is a campground feasibility study out for Sunset Park. The Douglas Park electric project has been started. Streamline Architects were chosen for the RIFAC project. The Highland Springs clubhouse is nearing 100% and there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony. Denkmann Park renovations are almost complete. Alderperson Robinson and parks and rec staff will spread mulch on Friday. Mel McKay Park has received an official grant letter on Friday. There will be a meeting on Friday to go over the project.

The first two man tournament was held with 96 golfers. First Tee sessions and golf lessons as well as Swing and Sips are all sold out. Revenue through April has exceeded entire month of last year. Saukie Golf Course had a concrete pad poured by the Black Hawk Trades program. This will provide outdoor seating and a grilling area. Irgors did an egg hunt at Saukie. Augustana students are doing a Master Plan on Longview Park and will be holding meetings to get feedback.

Montana received Lifeguard Instructor Training and can now certify staff and public to be authorized to teach classes. Whitewater Junction will be the only outdoor public pool open in the Quad Cities this summer. Montana is working on finishing up hiring. The facility is being prepared for opening.

Golf Maintenance staff are working on the details of equipment RFP. A plan with Finance is being worked on to finance pieces. It is still being evaluated. Grass tees on the driving range will be open on Monday.

Sport Fields are set up and ready for rentals. Restrooms are open. Bleachers are about done. Ag Lime is spread out in the fields. The calendar boxes will be out in May at Longview Park. The hanging planters and boxes are ready for downtown areas.

Several grants are being worked on. Dan held egg hunts and bunny visits. Drone footage will be taken while the parks are in use and for highlighting sports programs. May 4th is a big day for Douglas Park. All the fields will be in use.

8. New Business

Special Event Application: Quad City Pride Festival

Staff recommends approval of Quad City Pride Festival to be held on June 2nd and 3rd with food vendors, alcohol and amplified sound at Schwiebert Park. Motion made by Mr. Anderson. Seconded by Mr. Foley. All said yes.

Special Event Application: Early Head Start Summer Festival

Staff recommends approval of Early Head Start Summer Festival to be held on June 10th with amplified sound at Longview Park. Motion made by Mr. Hansen. Seconded by Mr. Foley. All said yes.

Special Event Application: Dawn and On

Staff recommends approval of Dawn and On to be held on July 8th with alcohol and amplified sound at Schwiebert Park. Motion made by Mr. Anderson. Seconded by Mr. McEvoy. All said yes.

Special Event Application: MLK Family Fun Day

Staff recommends approval of MLK Family Fun Day to be held on August 18th and 19th with amplified sound at MLK Jr Park. Motion made by Mr. Hansen. Seconded by Mr. McEvoy. All said yes.

Special Event Application: Ready to Rock the School Year

Staff recommends approval of Ready to Rock the School Year to be held on August 30th with amplified sound at Schwiebert Park. Motion made by Mr. Foley. Seconded by Mr. McEvoy. All said yes.

Special Event Application: Mopars in the Sunset

Staff recommends approval of Mopars in the Sunset to be held on September 10th to close Skafidas Road and have amplified sound at Sunset Park. Motion made by Mr. Foley. Seconded by Mr. Anderson. All said yes.

9. Other Business

None

10. Items Not on the Agenda

Mr. Gripp met with the Augustana grounds crew and the Superintendent to go over the tennis court plan at Lincoln Park.

Mr. Anderson requested copies of all the completed questionnaires that were received from the City Council members. Mr. Gripp will compile the information received to date. 4 out of the 7 Council members returned questionnaires. Meetings will be scheduled in May and June with each Council member as a follow up to gain additional information.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Anderson. Mr. Foley. All voted yes.

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm.

Kimberly B Kruse,
Parks & Recreation
Admin Office Manager