

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

8/15/23– 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, Paul Hansen, Venessa Taylor, John McEvoy

Members Absent: none

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

Staff Absent: John Gripp, Executive Director

Audience: none

3. July Park Board Minutes

Mr. Anderson motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Foley seconded. All voted yes.

4. Thank you from LIVEFIT with Lupus was recognized.

5. Monthly Report from Finance Department as of June

Revenues are up in many areas.

6. Approval of the Bills for the Month of July for \$297,948.48

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

Director's Report and other reports

Staff Volunteer/Sponsor Appreciation party went very well with almost 300 people. This Saturday will be the Pat Wille memorial tournament. The money goes towards upgrades for the First Tee Classroom at Highland Springs. A flyer is being put together for rentals at Highland Springs during the off season. The Parks & Rec Foundation are doing a wine tasting there. An hourly rate is being proposed where people can bring their own food. All alcohol will be provided by the golf course. The grill will be winterized.

The last two weeks of the month are for RIFAC Spruce Up. The pool gasket was damaged on the pump but had to send it off for the part causing the pool to be closed longer than expected. RIFAC members will have lap swim and some classes at Whitewater Junction in the meantime. The Whitewater Junction revenue goal was reached at the end of July. RIFAC gained 30 new members which is great during the summer season. The preschool has started with 61 students. The new offerings are an afternoon classroom.

Aeration will start at Highland Springs and Saukie golf courses in late August, early September. This is done in phases to cut down on disruption of play. Met with the Finance Director and City Manager to discuss loan options for the golf equipment. Chris and Tanner are working with TPC Deere Run to get gators potentially. Tanner is getting a quote to remove several ash trees.

Most summer program has ended. RIFAC Spruce Up concluded last week. There was sealing, patch and paint due to some leaks. The ducts were all vacuumed out to help prevent condensation. There was water pipe work done so that parts of the building can be shut off and not cause disruption to the full facility. Alternating currents is going on at Schwiebert. Sports are starting up. Working with a Special Olympics Basketball Team was discussed. Fall sports start this weekend.

The Park Board shared concerns of how much space is being taken up for the Augustana construction at the tennis courts. This will be adjusted as construction is completed.

The ball diamonds for intown are being addressed with weed treatments and grading. The new shade structure at Longview Park has been installed. Tennis court lights have been removed and the fence is being taken down.

## 7. New Business

Special Event Application: Running Free 5K

Staff recommends approval of the Running Free 5K and after race party at Schwiebert with amplified sound and alcohol. Mr. Anderson motioned to approve. Mr. McEvoy seconded. All said yes.

Special Event Application: Rotary Reindeer Ramble 5K

Staff recommends approval of the Rotary Reindeer 5K and after race party at Schwiebert with amplified sound. Mr. Foley motioned to approve. Mr. McEvoy seconded. All said yes.

RIFAC Remodel Update

Todd gave a presentation to council regarding the RIFAC project and was approved for ARPA funds. Only one bid was received for the initial bid so it got broken down into

several little projects and re-submitted. Several bids were received. Bi State Masonry will complete exterior brick repairs, East Moline Glass will install a security door to the preschool area, a new slide will replace the diving board, Valley Construction will do the windows, doors, and floors. Henley Group will install new lockers and replace the steam and sauna rooms.

There will be closures with these projects but the interruptions will be kept minimal

#### Mel McKay Pickleball Updates

The Parks Department was awarded an OSLAD grant of \$350,000 and also have \$300,000 of ARPA funds. The request is to use \$300,000 of ARPA and \$80,000 and the rest will be for the parking lot and road improvement.

#### OSLAD Grant discussion: Whitewater Junction spray ground

The next round of OSLAD is due in August. There will be an application for a spray pad at Whitewater Junction. There is flat green space that will have an ideal spot for a splash pad space which would be a feature for 0 to 5 years. There are improved odds of approval due to being considered a distressed area which would allow for 100% of funding.

#### 8. Other Business

There was one more drawdown of the Highland Springs Clubhouse. This will finish the last of the construction. There have also been sound dampeners put in to help with the echo.

Foley asked about the Saukie Clubhouse grant. There has been no word yet. Most grant reward announcement take up to 6 months.

#### 9. Items Not on the Agenda

None

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

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Kimberly B Kruse,  
Parks & Recreation  
Admin Office Manager