



OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

MEETING OF THE PARK BOARD

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2024, AT 5:00 PM

COMMUNITY CENTER MEETING ROOM, 1050 N. ORANGE ST., RICHLAND CENTER, WI 53581

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by President Elliott, and a quorum was present; the meeting had been properly noticed.

ROLL CALL: Park Board members: Pat Elliott, Kathryn Lewandowski, Alicia Woodhouse, Brad Wegner, Mark Chambers, Chad Cosgrove, Jodi Mieden. Absent: Larry Hallett.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Lewandowski to waive the reading of the minutes of the last meeting(s) in lieu of printed copies and approve the same, 2nd by Woodhouse. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

2. Discussion and possible approval to begin fundraising to put new dugouts on Krouskop Ballfields 5/6.

Rick Ermilio and Ryan Chapin came to discuss the possibility of building 4 new dugouts and a storage box for Ballfields 5/6 and brought an estimate. It was noted that All-American Do it Center would donate materials for 2 dugouts. Wegner recommended not delaying accepting and fundraising for the rest. Ermilio began fundraising efforts doing a concession stand for Richland Area Rotary Youth Soccer games. Members requested an updated quote showing the details. Ermilio plans to come to the next meeting.

3. Discussion and possible recommendation to move forward to address ADA deficiencies in our park playgrounds.

Casey Garner gave a presentation on the state of our parks concerning inclusivity and gave thoughts on possible additions to gradually update them to accommodate everyone. Discussion of what we could do to make our existing parks more accessible without a large monetary commitment and examples of pieces we could add were provided. The board agreed that it would be feasible to start prioritizing the best lasting scenario for now and look for grants to help achieve the goal for the future. Mieden noted that she planned to ask for a few key pieces in the 2025 budget proposal. Garner has joined the ADA Committee and plans to address many key deficiencies that he has found in our current park system.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: *Approval of payment of the monthly bills.*

Motion by Cosgrove to approve August Bills. 2nd by Wegner. Motion carried unanimously.

MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT

Revenues for 2024, August 26-September 23 were provided.

SENIOR COORDINATOR'S REPORT: The new Bingocize Classes have begun and are being very well attended. The participants may win a prize and the exercises they do during class will help with fall prevention. The Diamond Jo Casino trip on July 22nd netted a profit of \$285.00 for the Senior Center. So far, the profit from the previous trips has a total of \$1,100.00. The next and final trip for 2024 will be on Thursday, October 10th. Another \$50.00 has been deposited for coffee money and the total deposited this year for coffee is \$355.00. The next breakfast by Our House will be this Thursday the 26th of September. After breakfast we will have a movie on the big screen in the meeting room. In the afternoon on Thursday the 26th, the Senior Solution Group from the Richland Hospital will have Bingo in the Senior Center at 12:30.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Our Trick-or-Treat Trail event is Friday, October 25th, 4:30-6pm. If anyone wants to come join us handing out candy, we are dressing up as GNOMES. Jena has almost 20 businesses signed up so far and we plan to add more as it gets closer to the event. We will close a bit early that day for set-up. We are now contracting with Tracy Ladd to host craft classes, and she is looking at the possibility of two classes a month. October 20th is a chunky yarn blanket class and the 27th will be a fall craft class. We are also bringing in Tiny Acres in December for a free family event. The splash pad officially shut down on September 16th after an extended season! I worked three days on shutdown of all pool functions as far as I am trained. Neuman will come October 1st, and McGuire is scheduled for October 4th. Hoping Neuman can get everything done in one day this year and save some \$\$\$. I am also looking into tracking all that McGuire handles to see if this is something we can do in-house as well. Plans to do a weekly turn-on of all pumps are underway and unfortunately one pump has already seized up after only two weeks of inactivity. I am in collaboration with the SRC Director to resume hosting LG certifications at a discounted rate as we had in the past. 123 WPRA Attraction Tickets were sold this summer giving us a total of \$81.85 profit. Not much for the Recreation Department, but a definite benefit to the community in savings.

PARK BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT: Discussed working with Mieden for pool shutdown plans.

REPORTS, REQUESTS, CONCERNS: Keith Behling mentioned that the Rotary Lights installation time with SW Tech crew had to be moved up to the 30th-31st and wanted it noted in the contract.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE: 4th Monday of the Month. October 28th, 2024, at 5:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to Adjourn by Chambers. 2nd by Wegner. Motion carried unanimously.