



OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE
MEETING OF THE PARK BOARD
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 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, City Council, Chad Cosgrove, County Board, Jodi Mieden. Absent: Larry Hallett.

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

2. Discussion and possible approval of donated pool passes for Passages/Ada James.

Mieden reported that the Recreation Department has donated 12 passes annually dating back to 2012. Last year the passes used were 5 individual, and 7 family. Motion to approve the pass donation made by Chambers. 2nd by Cosgrove. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion and possible action on shelter(s) fee waivers for National Night Out event on August 6th.

Billy Jones and JoAnn Krulatz were on hand to inform the board about the event. It is a yearly K9 Fundraiser event that gives the RCPD, RCFD, RC EMS, RC Sheriff & WI DNR a chance to give back to the community with a nite of fun, food trucks and music and a 5k. Fundraisers are done to support the event. They normally used the Campus grounds but that is no longer allowed. They are looking to use the 5 shelters in Krouskop Park on this side of the Pine River for the event on August 6th, 2024. The event has grown each year, starting at 250 and most recently 750 people. Each food truck will have a permit and insurance for the event. Motion to approve the 5 Shelter fee waivers by Wegner. 2nd by Chambers. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible approval of a Recreation Department Code of Conduct Policy.

Woodhouse noticed the back page was not copied for the board members, and a motion was made by Elliott to table the item until next meeting, after the full document was emailed to the board to review.

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

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

MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT: Mieden presented revenues comparing May 2023 to May 2024.

SENIOR COORDINATOR'S REPORT: The second trip to the Diamond Jo Casino will be this Thursday, June 13th. 50 people registered, and I hope to have a few more by Thursday, as it is a 56-passenger bus. Our House Assisted Living will be having breakfast at the Senior Center beginning on Thursday June 27th. We have breakfast scheduled once each month through the end of the year. Before Covid they came once a month and I have been trying to have them start having breakfasts again and now they are able to start again. They also inquired about what I use for Bingo prizes, and they may donate some in the future. On Saturday June 29th we will be having another Euchre Tournament to earn money for scholarships for rec programs for children. This will be the third tournament that we have had for this in the past.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mieden reported that our 2024 Spring/Summer recreation programs filled up with kids and we started week one with a cancellation/reschedule of kayak camp to the last week. Luckily, we had a little notice to let all know. All but a couple could adjust to the new date. Neuman/McGuire/Culligan all came for set-up. We had a few hiccups, but both heaters are now in working order and everything is running. Our UV system needed to be re-built and is still waiting on a part, but works for the interim. We had a freezer that did not work, after cord repair it was found that it won't freeze, so I am working with Holiday Wholesale to see if it is theirs to get service or a replacement. Jena planned a successful event with the RCPD to enhance our annual fishing derby. The new official name is Cops & Bobbers. We had to reschedule it to Sunday due to torrential rain but ended up having 80 registered fisher people on the day. It was a great event! I have been corresponding with Randall Coleman about the Ocooch Mountain Recreation Trails. He has put in tons of volunteer hours to enhance the trails along with a few other enthusiasts that have joined in. I am in the process of creating new maps to align with the new trails that have been created or altered to make them more user friendly. He has been in contact with the Observer to create an article to gain interest in the trails and get the word out to new users. Once the wayfinding signs are installed, there will be one from each direction sending them to the trails. Staffing has been interesting this year, but we are looking good now. With our lifeguards and availability, we are only able to be open late on Wednesday night, but have party availability during the week. We have a lot of party interest so far. We are open at 10am-12pm for walking or swimming laps and this is a busy time. Aerobics starts on Wednesday and the class is already full with new people. We have had a few Rec coaching issues but believe we have that resolved.

PARK BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT: Elliott welcomed Chad Cosgrove, newly elected representative from the County Board.

REPORTS, REQUESTS, CONCERNS: Lewandowski inquired about the wages for Summer Staff and recommended putting something in the budget to raise the rates for 2025 to alleviate staffing issues in the future.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE: Second Monday of the Month. July 8th, 2024, at 5:00pm.

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