

Peru Parks Board Meeting – June 9th, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm, Kipp Arnold, Greg Quin, Brian Ege and Tami Tschiniak were in attendance. Kipp motioned to accept the minutes from the previous meeting as written, Brian seconded, motion carried.

Mike Bell – Parks Report: list of work included new doors for the upper rest rooms, remaining trash can lids installed, replaced cooking grills and several swing bases, researched basketball backboards, installed new bike rack at Davis Park, performed general ground mowing & maintenance, contacted Olive Branch Church to schedule volunteer days at Miami's Fort, worked with Sandy Chittum & the Rotary Club to help plant trees @ Davis Park. He also purchased a new 2016 truck at a cheaper cost, saved \$3,000. They also delivered 12 picnic tables to Phi Deltas for June 9th charity event and 9 tables for Cole Porter event.

Pat Cox – Golf Report: They're ahead by \$1,385 this year, he's having hand surgery on July 14th, and he reported having an incident with a couple of young men on the course. He wanted to make sure that the protocol he follows is acceptable to the board. The men's locker room has slow drainage so Pat called Roto Rooter. He told the board that the parking lot really needs to be redone; there is just a lack of funding right now. Peru Muni Jr. Golf Clinic will be held Monday June 19th thru Friday June 23rd. Wednesday night League is doing great. Church League started June 5th and there are several events scheduled in June and July including OFL, Rotary "Big Cup", Zion Chapel Scramble, Maennerchor Scramble and the Little City Junior Tour.

Garry Clark – Golf Course Report: They're busy with normal weekly duties including mowing, changing holes, cleaning the shop, raking, weed whacking, etc. Garry has been plugging areas on #11 and #13 where there was damage from fallen tree limbs, repaired the pump in pump house, maintain mowers, fixed water line on #14, replacing sprinkler heads, planted 15 birch trees behind 13 green and 10 birch trees west of men's tee on #9. Cut back brush along #17 tree line, planted plants at front entrance.

Old Business: Sandy Chittum thanked everyone for the help with the tree planting at Davis Park and the Golf Course. The Lions Club has 27 more trees they'd like to plant along the River Walk. She is also working with a representative on an all accessible playground area located between Miami's Fort and the restrooms. The cost would be between \$50,000 - \$70,000 and they would remove the existing fence to make a new entrance to that area and redo the mulch. Harvesting Capabilities is also involved in the project. This is just an idea of the presentation; she said that she is very open to ideas and suggestions from the board.

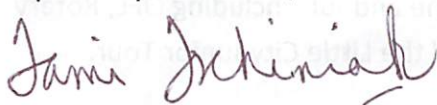
Kent Workman said Terri Turnpaugh was working on showing the movie "The Sandlot" at the baseball diamond at West City Park. Kent said he has \$700.00 in the Easter egg account and he

wants to apply for a grant for a new sound system through NICF. He would also like to work on having a euchre tournament in the parks if that's something the board would approve of.

Emily Olson requested approval for another rehab benefit at the Amphitheater on September 16th from 3:00 pm to 10:00 pm with bands & food and asked for the fee to be waived in exchange for donating 25% of the proceeds towards the Amphitheater.

Richard Hendricks with the Men's Association had questions regarding cart storage and membership fees and was concerned about changes in the future. It was explained that the board really has no future plans of any particular changes and that we will be reviewing golf rates at the October – November meeting. Richard also stated that he never sees anyone using Davis Park and wondered how much it costs to operate. The board explained that it is the only recreation available on the east end and that we eventually intend on finishing up the park improvements we had planned, as the funds allow. Most of the park board members expressed that there are usually kids there with parent supervision as well as older kids playing basketball on the courts. Richard also said that he feels like if there are trees planted along the walkway it will make it dark, which was a point well taken by the board.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tami Tschiniak - Secretary

