Peru Parks Board Minutes April, 11th 2019

Meeting called to order at 5:03pm

Present Ege, Young and Paul. Absent Mullett

March 2019 minutes were motioned for acceptance by Young and seconded by Ege. Motion carried unanimously.

Golf Report Pat Cox

Income was generated with Green Fees, Guest Riders and Season Tickets and Golf Cart Revenue.

A new auxiliary heater was installed in the Pro Shop as well as a new water heater.

The parking lot was stripped including 3 handicap spaces. The work was carried out by City employees. The course was Business of the Month.

Golf Course Report Garry Clark

Continued with tree removal and burning of the brush pile. Mowing and rolling of greens started as well as work on bunkers. The 23 reels are back and other equipment undergoing maintenance. Holes have been changed and tees moved  as well as leaf removal from greens. Mowing of fairways and roughs has begun and drainage tiles cleaned. Repaired damage from moles on two greens and felled a tree(white oak) on green 11. Continuing shop cleanup.  Accompanied new Park Superintendent regarding various drainage issues.

Future plans include mole damage and rut repairs, cutting down dead trees, installation of sprinkler heads and foot work on the new practice green.  The new season is almost upon us and much work will need to be done.

Some areas are having drainage problems and a truck became stuck near the back nine with damage to the 17th fairway. The damage is in the hands of the city's and truck company's insurance. Photos were taken of the damage.

Ciff Helvie has been hired as the new Park Superintendent as well as Sasha ?  as the Assistant Park Superintendent. Both began work March 25th, 2019

Park Superintendent Report

Almost all equipment has been repaired. Work has also started at the Fort and dealt with vandalism at West City Park. Seasonal workers are now working. He has walked the park and Young remarked that the Disc Golf Course was in good shape. He would like to restart the Community Service Programme as this provides free labour and will be in touch with the court systems. If restarted cleaning out the brick barn  and weeding could be projects.

Old Business

A D Hind asked again about the park bench and plaque her family paid for in memory of William Westcott. The bench was damaged, and an insurance claim made. This money was spent by the previous administration and no longer available to purchase a replacement bench, but the plaque has been located.  Tish Soldi (Clerk Treasurer) said no money was budgeted for replacement. A bench needs to be found as this was a sponsored bench. Clark said he will check if any bench is available. This bench does need to be by the practice green and the situation resolved as quickly as possible by the City Hall.

Ege will contact Mayor Greer regarding a fifth board member to replace Edwards who passed away in February.

Work on the All Inclusive Park will start June 17th and take approximately 3 weeks with the hope of opening the park around July 4th.  The sand pit and trees will need to be moved before work can start. This project will not interfere with Relay for Life on May 18

Cleanup continues from damage at the golf course reported last month near hole 3

Kent Workman mentioned that an area would be set up for the public to take a special Easter photo.

New Business

Clark ask about a 5- year plan. He suggested replacing the golf cart paths at holes 6,7,8,9 & 18. He would like to use paving (asphalt) not gravel. Clark asked if the money from the Non- Reverting Fund of the golf course could be used for some of this maintenance work and he will check with Tish Soldi

The parking lot near the First Farmers Bank & Trust Pavilion floods and the Park Superintendent will investigate and determine if he will be able to perform repairs.

 Complaints of skating on the street from Davis Park have been received by Cheryl Lee but it is not the responsibility of the city.

Motion for adjournment by Young, seconded by Ege. Meeting adjourned at 5:55pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Alison M. Paul, Acting Secretary