Peru Park Board Minutes June, 20 2019

Meeting called to order at 5:03 pm June 20 2019

Present: Mullet, Ege, Paul and Young

May 9th 2019 minutes were motioned for acceptance by Paul and seconded by Young. Motion carried unanimously.

Golf Report Pat Cox

Due to weather, revenue was down  since  the last report.
Cox commented on the recent death of Kent Workman who was a keen golfer on our course and a big supporter of all the activities held in the parks system. He will be sorely missed.
The replacement Westcott bench has been bought and installed along with the original plaque by the front putting green. Ace Hardware gave us a generous discount price and the final cost was approximately $200.
A Junior Clinic will be held July 8-12 for children 8-16 years.
Upcoming events include the Peru Rotary "Big Cup " Scramble with 22 teams, June 21 and the Maennerchor Scramble June 23 with 21 teams.

Golf Course Report Garry Clark

Duties this month included mowing greens, tees, fairways and rough. Bunkers were raked, holes changed along with continued work on mole damage at green 5.
Shop cleaned, chemical applications, burn pile cleaned, string trimming, trash removal and tee markers moved. Backslapping reels, greased equipment, verti cutting on greens as well as rolling greens. The Park Superintendent and his staff helped mow and spread out the practice green. Work continues on repairing damage on 11th green. Sprinkler heads were repaired on holes 13 and 5. All tees and fairways have been fertilized and course set up for weekend tournaments.
Removed 100 tree stumps at a cost of $3000 with money from the Non- reverting Fund. A fallen tree was removed from hole 2 and area cleaned up.
Equipment has been cleaned and a Port a Pot returned to the back nine free of charge.
He helped with the F.O.P. golf outing, May 18.
Future plans include maintaining the course, cleaning up more areas from the stump removals, cleaning other overgrown areas, cleanup from  the creek overflow and moving more sand to the greens. Also, preparing for future golf outings and continued spraying of the course. He will get together with the utility company to see if they can help with tree work on Park Drive.
He will meet with Tish Soldi regarding his budget and discuss his 6 part time staff 's salaries and the differences for part time across all departments, within the next 2 weeks. He will start work on the 5- year plan too.

Park Superintendent Report Cliff Helvie

This past month has included general mowing, trimming equipment repair and maintenance. A weed control was applied at the River Walk as well as turf weed control at West City and Maconaquah Parks. Also, total vegetation control on the fence lines and hard surfaces at West City Park. Trees were removed and flood debris cleaned up.
Replaced a sink at the lower Maconaquah Park due to vandalism as well as repairing water fountains at the Riverwalk and West City Park.
He has been involved in meetings for the Nickel Plate Trail extension as well as preparations for the Disc Golf Tournament.
Paperwork for the use of prison labour has been submitted.
He has also worked on vegetation control and the layout at the All Inclusive Park.
He has met with a company to investigate the price of security cameras for all our parks including placing old non-working cameras in areas as deterrents.
Future plans include excavation and compaction of the gravel at the All Inclusive Park. Ege said he would contact Sue Gulley regarding this project. Ege mentioned that he thought there was some sort of agreement with NIPSCO and the Mayor for this mulch cost which would be paid by NIPCSO. Helvie said he would check with Mayor Greer. Futures plans also include the prison worker programme which if settled, can replace mulch at Miamisfort, continuing with turf weed control in all parks and repairing water fountains in Maconaquah Park.
He hopes to dig up the drain at the Pavilion and decide on the repair needed and continue with general park and equipment maintenance.
Budget preparation will also begin.
He received complaints from citizens concerning trash and mowing at West City Park on the baseball side. Ege said he has spoken with Adam Butt regarding this issue. Discussion ensued regarding the contract renewal which will need specific expectations and standards included. A new contract will be worked on by the board for next year.
Helvie raised the issue of moving extra picnic tables to shelters  and whether a charge was needed.

Old Business

Paul reported on the Small Free Libraries discussion she had with the family at a meeting. Everything will be funded by the group and will initially involve one library to be placed outside the Democratic Headquarters on West 3rd Street in town. They will ask at a future date for permission to place a library in a park. Young reported that the initial library was now in place and that it was self-contained and easily transportable.
An agreement which can be used for the rental of the projector, is now available at City Hall.
Young reported on her contact with Tish Soldi regarding shelter and Pavilion rentals.
The Board of Works last year, established a set at of rules and rental costs.  After discussion, Mullet motioned to accept the Board of Works fees, Young seconded and the motion passed unanimously. This policy is effective immediately with money earned being returned to the Parks Department.
Paul asked if Ashley Lowe had been contacted concerning the schedule of up and coming events and rentals being sent to the board? No information was available and Ege said he would contact Lowe about this matter.

New Business

Nicholas Miller asked permission to hold a charity kick boxing event for people with Autism and Downs Syndrome on September, 14 2019. He would like to use the area between the Skate Park and the Pavilion on the Riverwalk. Miller said that he would like to try bringing in pro fighters and sponsorship involve local businesses in that immediate area. He would like to bring in food trucks. Ege mentioned that he would need to check city liability issues with Mayor Greer. Miller indicated that was covered by his club. Clean up would also need to be covered. Miller indicated that all costs would be covered by sponsorship. He would like all donations and money raised to go to maintenance of the All Inclusive Park. Provisional approval was given but he was asked to return to another meeting when he had more information and approval from City Hall.
There was no news on a new board member.
The phantom water bill issue has been resolved. There was a fire suppression fee on a 6" meter that feeds the pump station which was not being shut off in winter. This will result in savings of approximately $8000 a year. Helvie also mentioned that the meter itself could be shut down at the end of the season.
Other hydrants, especially at the maintenance barn need to be checked for connection to city water because of insurance liability.
Helvie mentioned perhaps we should investigate investing in a well at the pump station for irrigation.
Clark stated that Soldi called him regarding a women who hit the fence near hole 16.
No damage was found and he gave that information to Soldi.

Next meeting is July 11, 2019 at 5:00pm
Motion for adjournment by Ege and seconded by Paul. Meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm

Respectfully submitted by,
Alison M.  Paul Acting Secretary