Peru Parks Board Minutes November 14, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm November 14, 2019

Present: Ege, Mullett, Beattie, Young and Paul

The minutes of the October meeting were motioned for acceptance by Mullett and seconded by Beattie. Motion carried unanimously.

Golf Report Pat Cox

Revenue now up approximately $1700 on the year. Bad weather in both March and November contributed to lower usage fees. Cart revenue now stands at $94065. Ege pointed out that we will generate 5-6 years of cart fees but would need merely perform regular maintenance.

Play on the course will continue if the flag is up and Clark is in charge of course play. Cox report that he is now finished with his employment at the course and he thanked Ronnie who has been a great promoter of the course.

Park Superintendent Report Cliff Helvie

Performed the last general mowing and trimming for the year. Continued with repair and maintenance and began preparing equipment for winter service. Leaf clean up continues and volunteers from Northview Church participated in cleaning up West City Park. Approximately 12 dead trees along Park Drive have been removed.

Cameras have been installed at the Riverwalk, Skate Park and West City Park. When the correct cable arrives, 9 cameras will be installed in Maconaquah Park with the help of the utility company. Vandalism at the restrooms on the Riverwalk occurred November 10 at 11:31 -11:33pm and was captured. Ege suggested posting images on Facebook to try and identify the vandals.

Over seeded at West City Park and Riverwalk and all parks have received fertilizer and weed control. The drainage area at the Lower Maconaquah Park was also seeded. The chemical budget for the golf course has been reworked to maximize applications and improve course quality.

The storage building next to the main shop has been cleaned out and organized and all restrooms bar the Riverwalk, winterized. Plowing has begun.

Future plans include leaf removal and general fall cleanup as well as shutting down the restrooms at the Riverwalk. All seasonal employees will finish next week. Winter equipment service includes grinding reels etc. Continue with dead tree removal, camera installation, shop cleanup and organization as well as assisting Clark with the irrigation blow. Finish work on the West City contract and work with Soldi and Mayor Greer to lock in park plans for 2020 as we transition into the new administration. This would apply to the new sidewalk by the Skate Park and all the improvements at Davis Park as well as other improvements. Also find out the situation at the Pro Shop with regard to the planned improvements. Plow as needed. Other winterization at West City Park needs to be completed. Will plan to select the best four carts we are keeping.

Young mentioned that four board members serve at the pleasure of the mayor and with the change in administration our positions may be uncertain.

Golf Course Report Garry Clark

Performed the usual duties of mowing greens, changing holes working on practice green, trimming of low branches, removing dead trees and downed branches, watering where necessary and working on irrigation leaks. Also worked on overgrown area at 17 tee box and hill off tee 10, fertilized greens and tee boxes and applied weed control, leaf blew entire course, removed trash, string trimmed entire course, filled in low spots, maintained brush pile, wood splitting, cleaned chemical storage room and shop. Removed all reels for winter maintenance and took off bad Chushman and replaced with a working one. Cleaned out an old building (Potato Salad Building also called the Picnic Building) to store wood truck and trailers and other equipment. Started power washing of all equipment, helped with the F.O.P. 5k run. Sat down with the Park Superintendent to develop a new chemical programme for 2020 for the whole course.

Future plans include more work on new practice green, weed control, fertilize fairways, tees and greens, spray greens for snow mold, removal of dead trees, power wash remaining equipment, repair leak in shop bathroom, blow out irrigation system November 18th. power wash remaining equipment. Bring in tee markers, trash cans, ball washers and a few O.B sticks. Replace the flag sticks with the winter type. All seasonal staff will be finished by November 22nd. Still have a mole problem but trying to handle it.

The T mower needs a new short block at a cost of $2100 which will be repaired on next year’s budget. Equipment will be serviced in house and therefore cost less.

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Old Business

Helvie will check with Dustin to get the West City Contract setup before the change in administration.

New Business

Much discussion ensued with regard to increasing rates at the course. Ege would like to setup a cart path revitalization fund as most paths need repair. Helvie suggested replacing the highly erodible paths with concrete and doing the flat open areas in asphalt. Clark mentioned that the Course Golf Association may be willing to help with repair costs. Helvie suggested we develop a master plan for the course which would include path replacement, drainage issues and an irrigation system. Helvie mentioned that there may be money available from the $350000 to start repairs on the paths if much of they work is done in hand. Davis Park is a priority. Young mentioned that Miami Biddy Basketball may be willing to contribute to the renovations at Davis Park. Discussion and a vote regarding fees will continue next month after further study by each board member.

Clark will contact the Wednesday Night League for discussion of fees.

Next meeting is December 12, 2019 at 5:00pm

Motion for adjournment by Paul, seconded by Young. Meeting adjourned at 6:11pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Alison M Paul

Acting Secretary