**Peru Parks Board meeting January 9, 2020**

Meeting called to order at 5:04 pm January 9, 2020.

Present: Mullett, Beattie and Paul
Absent: Ege

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

Golf Report No report

Park Superintendent Report Cliff Helvie

Began winter service on equipment, prepped reels for grinding, removed dead trees on Park Drive, cleaned and organized main shop. Trash removal continued and snow plowing started. Installed cart equipment lift at the shop but the ceiling will need a small remodel to accommodate the lift. People who have signed the waiver continue to cut up the dropped trees for firewood. All water is now off.
Future plans include continuing with winter servicing of equipment, grinding of reels, remodeling of the shop ceiling for lift equipment and dead tree removal. The utility company has a tree crew coming soon to remove dead trees along power lines. They will also install fiber optic cable for the camera installations including extra cameras as discussed previously.  Complete the installation of cameras in the Maconaquah Park as well as continuing with trash removal and snow plowing as needed. Develop plans for park improvements.

Golf Course Report Garry Clark

Continuing to clean entire shop after the end of the season. As people are still playing continuing with morning inspections rounds of the course. Still splitting wood and cutting up downed trees.  Work continues on maintenance of equipment in preparation for next year.
Future plans include removal of more dead trees, fixing the bathroom leak at the shop, working on equipment with Cliff and Sasha.  Developing plans for the Club House  remodel.

Old Business

Beattie reported that the contracts for the use of the fields are ready after needed corrections from our last meeting  but as they need to signed by Ege and Mullett he would like to do this next month.
Clark mentioned that he has been contacted regarding scheduling of events for the coming season and that golfers are playing the course for free as no staff available at the club house. Helvie handed out a preliminary job description for the new Golf Club Manager and asked for input before passing it along to City Hall (Ashley)for posting. He reiterated that this post needs filling as so as possible. Also, decisions need to be made regarding the types of food and drink to be offered. Clark mentioned that Mayor Hewitt is not in favour of offering alcohol.
After discussion involving what remodeling might be accomplished in the time frame, bringing in outside contractors and in-house work, it was decided that the board would meet at the club house Tuesday, January 14 at 10:00 am.
Some golfers are already aware of the new rates but they will be posted early next week. Mullett mentioned that some golfers mentioned that they are looking forward to the  improvement of the course paths.

New Business

Helvie stated he had received an e-mail from Carrie Young stating  that the family of the late Sharon Edwards  would like to donate some money and volunteer for park projects.
Sharon was interested in birds so perhaps a refurbishment of the bird watching area in Maconaquah Park could be a fitting project. Beattie will contact Young and collect more information.
Carrie Young also sent an e-mail to request permission to hold Relay for Life on the Riverwalk including reserving a shelter for May 16, 2020. Beattie made a motion allow the use of the Riverwalk and shelter as well as waiving the fee. Paul seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Young  will coordinate with Helvie for the use of tables etc.
Young also mentioned that she is working with a group who might have an interest  In using  the First Farmers Bank and Trust Pavilion but will bring that to the board at a later date.
Helvie mentioned that he wondered if Young could be reappointed to the board and Beattie volunteered to talk with Young.
Paul mentioned that she felt the board’s priority in the coming year is to complete the projects for which money is already available and budgeted. Helvie stated that he needs to identity the account(s) where the extra money is held.  It was suggested he talk with Ashley Lowe at City Hall. Discussion ensued regarding planning for sidewalks and parking areas along the Riverwalk. Helvie stated he would look at the area and generate some ideas.
Clark was asked again to contact the Kokomo paper regarding the Fairway Card information.
Questions were asked from the public regarding  new staffing at the Club House and whether previously employed staff would have the opportunity to continue working. A question was asked if the new manager would have golfing knowledge as well as managerial skills and tournament running. It was stated that people are very concerned whether the Club House will be ready to operate on March 1, 2020.

Next meeting is February 13, 2020 at 5:00 pm.

Motion for adjournment by Beattie and seconded by Paul. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Alison M. Paul
Acting Secretary