**Peru Parks Board Meeting February 13, 2020**

Meeting called to order at 5:04 pm February 13, 2020

Present: Ege, Mullett, Beattie, Paul and Olson

The minutes of the January meeting were motioned for acceptance by Mullett and seconded by Paul. Motion passed unanimously.

Park Superintendent Report Cliff Helvie
Continued maintenance on equipment in readiness for the coming season. Started the remodeling of the clubhouse which he hopes can be finished by March 2020. Larry West has kindly covered the cost of new countertops for the clubhouse.
The utility contractor has begun dead tree removal in Maconaquah Park and on Park Drive.
The fiber cable for the new camera system in Maconaquah Park has been delivered and now being installed. Nine cameras and an additional one at the clubhouse will be installed. Some snow removal took place.
Future plans include plowing if necessary, finishing the remodel, grinding of reels and the completion of winter equipment maintenance.

Golf Course Report Garry Clark
Continued maintenance on reels with 22 of the 25 reels now ready to grind. Plowed snow and removed trash in all parks. Worked on the remodel at the clubhouse. Repaired the fence at Davis Park
Future plans include finishing the remodel, equipment maintenance and preparing for opening day. Cleaning up downed limbs and ordering of new flags and tees markers. A permit for the remodel of the clubhouse has been posted at the clubhouse. Clark showed the Board various designs for the new logo which can be added to areas of the remodel and for various flags for tees. Permission given to Clark to select designs.

Old Business
Brian Ege has been reappointed to the Parks Board. It was stated that the new manager at the clubhouse will oversee setting charges and prices. A POS system will need to be setup by March 1 which can be linked to the bank the city uses.

New Business
Paul was motioned by Beattie and seconded by Ege for Parks Board Secretary, unanimously elected and accepted position.
Beattie was motioned by Ege and seconded by Mullett for Vice President of the Board, unanimously elected and accepted position.
Ege was motioned by Mullett and seconded by Beattie as President  of the Parks Board  and unanimously elected, accepted the position.
Andrew Olsen has been appointed to the fifth position on th Board. He was sworn in February 11.
The Kent Workman Memorial Easter Egg Hunt will be held (rain or shine) at Lower Maconaquah Park, Saturday, April 11 at 11:00 am and the board gave permission to use the First Farmers Bank and Trust Amphitheater.
Kelsey Jones provided information for a program she would like to hold called Bark in the Park, June 13 2020 which is Second Saturday. This would start the activities for Second Saturday and would consist of a 5 K run walk through Park Drive. Participants would be encouraged to bring their dogs and facilities for the dogs would be provided.  The Board of Works would need to block roads. Details still need to be worked out including start times and the types of vendors. Permission was given to hold event by the Parks Board. Discussion included developing a dog park. The organizers will ensure dog vaccination certificates and liability issues are handled on the entrance application.
Chris Butte asked permission to hold the 5K Buff Run/Walk. This honors their daughter Buffy and would be the 3rd year. All monies fund two $1000 scholarships for Peru High School pupils set up with the Miami County Resource Foundation. He has already reserved Shelter 10 and would like to use the Riverwalk June 27, 2020 from 11:00 am till 2:00 pm. Permission was granted by the Parks Board
Mullett asked if Clark was going to get bids on replacing the cart building roof. Steel would be his choice. Three bids would be required and he was asked to bring bids to the next meeting if possible.
Ege has signed the contracts for the use of baseball and softball fields and they will be given to the appropriate people by Beattie tomorrow.
Ege stated that the Susan Antony is still trying to decipher the computer accounting system and still needs time to locate all of the various funds belonging to our board. Helvie stated that he is also trying to trace funds.
The board was advised by the city lawyer, that the hiring of the new Golf Clubhouse Manager should take place at a public meeting which can be our next board meeting.
Ege stated that four resumes were received but one has since been withdrawn.
Resumes from Robert A. Stambazze, Sterling Rasmussen and Mark A. McCann were received prior to this meeting for review by each board member.
Mark A. McCann attended the meeting and introduced himself and stated his qualifications for the position. The other applicants did ask if they needed to attend our meeting but Ege informed them that was not necessary. He also stated that the successful applicant would be officially notified via e-mail by City Hall after we forward our selection.
Ege stated that he as President, would not vote unless we had a tie. Each board member wash asked to raise their hand at the mention of each applicant. Sterling Rasmussen received no votes. Mark McCann received one vote (Mullett). Robert A. Stambazze received three votes (Olsen, Beattie and Paul). Robert A. Stambazze was declared the choice of the Peru Parks Board.
Ege stated that Mayor Hewitt would like the remaining resumes given to Robert Stambazze for his consideration to fill to second position available at the Golf Clubhouse. He will be solely responsible for the hiring not the board.
Beattie made a motion to pass this selection to Mayor Hewitt, Paul seconded, and the motion passed with three votes and one abstention.  Mr. Stambazze has forty years of management and sales experience as well as six years golf course experience and well known in our community.
Mark Ramsey from the public, stated that he is the City Council Liaison person.
A question from the public asked about the new fees for the weekend. Ege stated that we do not have a separate weekend rate just reductions on Tuesdays and Fridays and after 2:00pm.
Another question came again regarding the hiring of the second position and Ege reiterated that Stambazze with be in charge of that as well as setting prices for consumables.
Helvie mentioned that he has a contact who is willing to advise on marketing services,  consulting, what to offer in the way of beverage and food sales.

Next meeting is March 12, 2020 at 5:00 pm

Motion for adjournment by Mullett and seconded by Beattie. Motion passed unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Alison M. Paul
Secretary