

Parks Board Minutes November 12, 2020

Meeting called to order at 5:05 PM

Present: Beattie, Olson, Mullet and Paul

Absent: Ege

A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Mullett and seconded by Olson. Motion carried unanimously.

Golf Clubhouse General Manager Report Jeff Grant

Course had a special disk golf outing which brought in \$1400 spread over two days . All the carts were used. Tomorrow November 13, will be the last day on the course. Beattie mentioned that he was pleased with how well the course had done compared with last year even with the pandemic. Grant mentioned that \$261,652 has gone through the clubhouse for all of 2020. He also mentioned that he had handed out free passes to players from out of town hoping that they will be back next year and they were very complementary of the course.

Mullet asked if the Gold Medal proposal had been finalized yet and he said no but he would be doing that before the course opens next season. Grant also stated that Ege had not yet met with the company either. Grant said his concerns were how to ensure that the merchandise etc. was entered correctly into the clubhouse systems.

Park Superintendent Report Cliff Helvie

All general mowing and trimming is now finished for the year and general maintenance on equipment is underway. All the water fountains have now been installed except at West City Park as he is waiting on parts. Fall fertilization is finished and weed control has started. He has removed about 15 dead trees with still more to do. The back stop fence at West City Park is finished and the new basketball goals for Davis Park have been purchased and delivered.

Helvie reported that he had been off for two weeks due to quarantine and that his employee Sasha has resigned so he will need to hire a replacement. Helvie also reported that he is periodically assisting the Street Department as their backhoe operator will be on disability until March.

Projects for the remainder of the season include finishing weed control, continuing work around the Bellar building, more tree removal, winterizing remaining restrooms, working on the parking areas at West City Park, servicing equipment and reel grinding. An asphalt binder coat will be applied November 20, to the extension of the Nickel Plate Trail with the sealer in the spring. Repairs to the bridge at the Disk Golf Parking Lot started today and will finish Monday or Tuesday. He is still waiting on the fiber cable to complete the camera project in Maconaquah Park. He hopes that Davis Park will be paved sometime in the next two weeks.

Golf Course Report Garry Clark

Work this month included mowing greens, tees, fairways and rough almost daily as well as rolling the greens, changing holes two to three times a week, weed whacking, checking trash, greasing equipment, watering, and spraying fertilizer. Also working on sprinkler heads and leaks when time, working on the burn pile, killing poison ivy on the course, cleaning the shop, filling in low spots, Verti cutting the greens, raking sand traps and leaf blowing.

Future plans include blowing out the irrigation lines, dead tree removal, spraying for snow mold prevention, leaf blowing, bringing in trash cans, tee markers and flags. The Clubhouse will need winterizing and maintenance performed on equipment. He mentioned that he and Helvie will work on a five year plan as some equipment will need a replacement plan. Tomorrow will be the last day for his seasonal workers.

Old Business

Paul reported that she, Beattie, Helvie and Councilor Mark Ramsey met with Mayor Hewitt and Clerk Treasurer Anthony regarding whether we had monies available for paving and new sidewalks. There was much discussion but the mayor and the clerk treasurer stated they could not find anything in writing which gave us access to extra money. They did however give permission for Davis Park to be paved and new hoops purchased. Helvie mentioned that he would refurbish the old posts and use one in Maconaquah Park. We also received confirmation that there is money in the non-reverting cart fund. Grant said he will check his figures regarding what he believes should be in that fund as well as the irrigation fund with City Hall. Paul mentioned that we will need to fund a sidewalk on Canal Street ourselves or ask the city.

New Business

Clark discussed the disk golf outing and how successful it had been with 82 players. It is a fast growing sport and he believes we should look into expanding it as a pay to play on our course. A set of baskets costs about \$5200. Discussion ensued regarding disk golf on our course. Clark said he will do more research and report again.

Olson asked Helvie if he knew whether the girl softball teams paid utilities at West City Park. Helvie stated he didn't know but he did receive six different utility bills. Travel teams are using the facilities. Helvie said that he will try and get the utility company to meet with him to identify the bills and what they cover before the next season. It was agreed that this all needed investigating.

Next meeting December 10, 2020 at 5:00 PM

Councilor Ramsey complemented the board on all the improvements made this year

Motion for adjournment by Paul and seconded by Olson. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM

Submitted by,

Alison M. Paul

Secretary