

January 12, 2017 Peru Parks Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm with Greg Quin, Kipp Arnold, Brian Ege and Tami Tschiniak present.

Nominations were taken from the floor for 2017 officers: Greg nominated Tami for Secretary, Kipp nominated Brian Ege for V. President, Brian nominated Greg Quin for President, and nominations were unanimously accepted. Greg Quin said he would contact Jim Murphy to find out if he wishes to resign from the board. Cheryl Lee was also present as liaison for City Council.

Brian motioned to accept the minutes from the previous meeting with a second from Kipp, motion carried.

Mike Rhine started with the Golf Course Report: They are finishing up with winter maintenance. Mike said they were only budgeted \$20,000 in utilities for 2017 and last year they spent \$15,000 on water alone. He believes with the water rate increase, if they use the same amount they did last year, he estimates the bill to be \$22,000 to \$25,000 in water only. There is discussion between the Mayor and Joe Pandy of trying to bring in the water from down in the old Cole Bros. area, which would be very expensive. Mike does not believe that the current leaks in the irrigation system create that much additional increase on the bill.

Mike Bell followed with the Parks & Rec Report: There was extensive discussion about cuts in the budget as well as moving money around from one line item to another in order to be able to redistribute monies to pay for priority items, some of which were not budgeted for in 2016 or 2017. Mike said he priced trash can lids with security cables at four different places with the lowest price being approx. \$2,000 for all 30. He thinks it's a good idea to get that done because the lids freeze; raccoons are getting in them, etc. Next item discussed was the Easter Egg Hunt which was directed by Kent Workman last year. Kent agreed to be in charge again this year and the date agreed on was April 15th with a motion from Brian Ege and a second from Tami. The board suggested that Kent check with the person in charge of scheduling at City Hall to secure that date.

The board also discussed further investigation of the fee structures charged for the Amphitheater and Pavilions. Kipp Arnold volunteered to do the research on the fee structures. Next the board discussed the discrepancies on the 2016 Park Shelter Deposits & Rentals, which appear to be inconsistent across the board.

New Business: Denny Snyder with "The Snyders", a Blues/Roots band is interested in holding a concert at the Amphitheater this summer. We need more info and an established fee structure before we can make a decision. Tami is to report back at the next meeting with more details. There was more discussion about fees and usage of the Amphitheater & pavilions. Cheryl suggested that the board makes a presentation to the City Council next year prior to submitting it to the Mayor so the City Council will be more informed on what the Parks Board needs.

Motion to adjourn from Kipp Arnold, meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

