

Peru Park Board Minutes March 14, 2019

Meeting called to order at 5:03 pm

Present: Ron Mullett, Carrie Young, and Alison Paul. Absent Brian Ege.

Before the agenda began Tish Soldi asked if a new Park Superintendent had been hired as she had been out of the office. Alison Paul and Garry Clark attended an interview held this afternoon and the Mayor Greer will be making a decision shortly.

February 2019 minutes were motioned for acceptance by Mullett and seconded by Paul. Motion carried unanimously.

Golf Report Pat Cox:

Income was generated with green fees, season tickets, guest rider and golf cart revenues.

Golf Course Grounds Report Garry Clark:

Approximately 15 dead trees were felled as well as plowing and burning of the brush pile. Maintenance has been performed on equipment and 23 reel sets removed. Trash was picked up along Park Drive and drainage tiles cleaned of debris. Tee markers, flags, sticks trash cans and sand rakes removed. New flags and sticks have been ordered. Holes have been changed and the shop has been cleaned. Also, a retaining wall and steps were rebuilt. Green five has a mole issue and this will need attention. Future plans include work on equipment, preparations for course cleanup, footwork on a new practice green and eventual seeding and the removal of more dead trees and downed sticks. Tee sign stickers are being made with updated sponsors.

The crew will start Monday 18th March 2019

An incident happened in the park which will result in charges being pressed.

Old Business

Buff Run was held last week.

Supplies for the Easter Egg Hunt are arriving and will be stored.

New Business

The Back to School Festival organizers asked to use the Riverwalk and Pavilion May 26, 2019 with the fees waved. Mullett motioned for a fee waiver and Paul seconded. The motioned carried unanimously.

Northern Indiana Community Foundation represented by Connie Cutler, informed the board that the Fort Endowment Fund has approximately \$4100 available for projects. A letter from the board chairman to the foundation would be required to access the money for projects one of which could be staining and preserving the wood of the Fort. Cameras could also be purchased from this fund.

The representative also mentioned that they would like to try and set up a similar endowment fund for the new Inclusive Park.

The board will enquire to whom the year end statement is sent as no board members had any knowledge.

Steve Anderson inquired about rental costs for the First Farmers Bank & Trust Pavilion for an event in September and asked if a noise waiver could be approved. The board will check with Mayor Greer for fee information and waivers.

He asked if thought had been given to setting up an endowment fund for the pavilion to which renters and vendors could contribute to help fund maintenance and improvements. He also asked whether the proper name of the pavilion could appear on it as well as on any application forms. Connie Cutler mentioned that there is a fund for the First Farmers Bank & Trust Pavilion which contains money left from the initial build. This is a non-permanent fund which if its monies reached \$5000, could become an endowed fund.

Kent Workman would like to show two movies in the First Farmers Bank & Trust Pavilion on May 25th and September 28th, 2019. He wondered if we need a Peru Parks event sign and more home- grown events, perhaps a total of five for the year. Another idea would be to have events sponsored by the Parks Department with a banner.

Kent Workman informed the board of a situation he has and wondered if the board had advice on background checks for volunteers. Much discussion ensued regarding such checks, individual and for all, who would pay and liability issues. Tish Soldi stated that Peru City does not run checks on volunteers only on prospective employees. She suggested that perhaps a volunteer liability waiver could be developed with the help of their lawyer. Mr. Workman stated he as an appointment with the Police Chief for advice on his situation.

Motion for adjournment by Young and seconded by Paul. Meeting adjourned at 6:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Alison M Paul, Acting Secretary