

# Parks Board Minutes September 10, 2020

Meeting called to order at 5:06 PM

Present: Beattie, Ege, Olson, Mullet and Paul

Absent: None

The minutes of the August meeting were read and motioned for acceptance by Beattie and seconded by Olson. Motion carried unanimously.

Ege announced Bob Stambazze, the Golf Clubhouse Manager, resigned at 10:00am August 29, 2020. Jeff Grant has been appointed the new General Manager by Garry Clark effective Monday August 31 2020 Mark has also been brought back to the clubhouse.

## Golf Clubhouse General Manager Report Jeff Grant

Grant has worked on updating the cash flow spreadsheets, the general organization of the clubhouse and staff duties. The staff are working well. Other food options are being offered. Grant would like to talk with City Hall regarding how close the course is to the break-even point and perhaps a daily break-even point. Also, he would like to offer golf twilight specials for late afternoon.

## Park Superintendent Report Cliff Helvie

Continued with mowing, trimming, equipment repair, maintenance, weed control and downtown watering. All water fountains have been removed for refurbishment. The insurance claim has been processed and he is just waiting on the fence to be repaired.

Two custom painted barrels have been placed at the Riverwalk with seven more to come. Repainted tables after vandalism and pressure washed several pavilions and replaced a water fountain at West city Park. The volunteer is continuing with staining at Miamisfort.

Projects for the remainder of the season include over seeding areas throughout the parks, general fall fertilization and weed control, pressure washing the light poles at Riverwalk, continuing work around the Bellor building and repairing the bridge at the Disk Golf parking lot.

The camera system should be completed after insurance repairs, repairing drainage issues at pavilions 1 and 2. He hopes to use asphalt millings for additional parking at West City Park and other areas. Helvie also said he is waiting to hear about the estimate for paving Davis Park.

## Golf Course Report Gary Clark

Performed the usual monthly duties of mowing everywhere, changing holes two to three times a week, weed whacking, checking trash, greasing equipment, watering, working on leaks and sprinkler heads, attending the burn pile, killing poison ivy on the course, dropping dead trees, moving dirt to low spots and low sprinkler heads. Also, Verticutting greens, raking sand traps, trimming tee boxes and sprinkler heads and cleaning the shop.

He is marking trees that need felling this winter and preparing course for outings. Still repairing leaks and replacing old sprinkler heads. Plans to aerate the greens and fertilize greens and fairways in the next few weeks. Also cleaned out the storage room at the clubhouses day still working on the mole problem.

With Jeff Grant being promoted to the clubhouse he was able to fill his position with Ray Saltzman. He is seeing many new faces on the course this past few months. Everything now appears to be running well.

## Old Business

Susan now has access to all line items and has located other paving funds. A question was asked about payment from the two girls who rolled and damaged a cart. No one knew if it had yet been paid. Grant mentioned that another cart has been damaged and he was told to give the information to Clark to give to Susan for an insurance claim. Helvie was asked about the concrete pieces along the Riverwalk. Helvie said that he will need to wait until the ground freezes in order for him to remove them if his equipment will handle it.

## New Business

Ege asked Mark Ramsey the City Council liaison, if the Parks Board would have any input into its budget lines or equipment for next year? Last year monies were budgeted for sidewalks, parking and paving which in part due to the pandemic have not taken place. Ege wants to know what will happen to the unspent money. Can the money be rolled over into next year? Helvie said that he has been waiting to hear from Gaunt and Son regarding the cost of repaving Davis Park. Ege suggested he try E&B and told him to contact Kip Chandler. Olson volunteered to call Gaunt to try and speed up receiving estimates for Davis Park and some sort of path / sidewalk along Canal Street.

Clark mentioned that he had been contacted about the possibility of providing fill dirt for the new YMCA build. This could create a pond on the golf course, but he has now heard that a farmer has fill available. Olson asked about the new path and its connection to the Nickel Plate and the Riverwalk. Helvie gave his insight.

Paul asked about the new Dog Park. It is now part of the park system.

Beattie raised the issue of a City Councilor contacting Clark asking for budget and revenue information. Ege stated that all information should be requested from City Hall or through our liaison. Clark talked with Mayor Hewitt and Susan Stanley regarding this issue.

Liaison Mark Ramsey raised the issue of cyclists with bad behavior and pedestrians on the Riverwalk.

Next meeting October 8, 2020 at 5 :00PM

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:12 PM

Submitted by,

Alison M. Paul

Secretary