

Parks Board February Minutes

Parks Board Meeting February 11, 2021

Meeting held via Zoom. Called to order at 5:03 PM

Present: Beattie, Ege, Mullett, Olson, and Paul

Golf Course Super Garry Clark was also on the meeting, along with Mark Ramsey, and Betsy Smith from the Council. We also had visitors from the Library to talk about their project.

Absent: Cliff Helvie due to illness.

Election of Officers:

All officers were nominated, second, and passed unanimously.

President...Brian Ege

Vice President...Ron Mullett

Secretary.... Tommie Beattie

Beattie made a motion to forego reading of the previous month's meeting and accept them as written.

Second by Mullett. Motion passed unanimously.

There was no golf course report (Jeff Grant has been laid off and no one has been inside the clubhouse).

We did not have a Park Super report either due to Cliff not being present.

Golf Course Report: Garry Clark

Garry will be sending out an email to each of the board members to explaining his weekly duties, and what he has been doing. He had thought he sent it out, but no one received. Basically, he has been working on reels and getting equipment ready to go for the season. He gets an employee back on Monday, which will help him get things finished up in time. Things appear to be right on track. He is also working on the details that will get the course up and running. i.e., score cards, and promotional items.

He had also sent water samples to the county health board to stay compliant.

Old Business:

We followed up about the Story Walk that will go on the walkway, Maryann Farnham indicated that the grants were applied for, and Cliff and she had been in contact to get that project moving forward. Upon Jeff's return (Monday) he is jumping on the Gold Medal Merchandise deal. He has had some conversation with them and feels this is the right way to go. (this was relayed through Clark)

New Business:

Paul made a motion to direct Ege to request an itemized budget rundown, and what monies we have each month. This budget update is to be emailed to each board member, and our Council Liaison (Mark Ramsey). Motion second by Ege. Motion passes unanimously. This motion was made during discussion of what Garry learned at City Hall. It was prompted after a discussion about what money is going where, and we are not sure where it all ends up. Garry spent a morning at City Hall to discuss some projects and learned there is an account up there (204 fund) that he can deposit sponsor checks that they have collected. They will be allowed to spend whatever monies they deposit. This is a Parks fund for fireworks, egg hunt, and brick sales. He and Jeff are working on pricing for some new membership packages, and packages for the new disc golf course being designed. The board agreed this will be nice to be able to track how much is in there, and how much we have spent.

Ege made the motion to allow Garry to design and build a disc golf course within the Muni and use it alongside the "ball" golf course. Second by Paul...motion passed unanimously. Discussion ensued about the baskets purchase, and where the money will come from. Garry will report back next month when he has a better idea on sponsorships, and cost of the baskets he wants to use. The board all agreed to purchase baskets that we can use long term, so we will not have purchase again.

The board was notified that we could purchase 18 additional carts at a discount rate (we were allowed to piggyback on another courses order). This would eliminate the need to rent carts for our larger events (approximately 10 per year). That cost is approximately \$10,000 per year. The purchase price for the carts would be \$85,050. They are the same exact carts that we currently use. The board feels with the addition of the disc course, and those players needing carts, we will need the extras for that as well. We have the funds in a non-reverting fund and would be no extra cost to the city. The extra income generated from these carts will pay for themselves, in about 3 years. Beattie made the motion to purchase, Mullett with the second. Motion passes unanimously.

Maryann Farnham was present at the meeting to discuss a new idea for the Library. They want to partner with the Parks Board to present a Wednesday family fun time. They want to use the amphitheater to have scheduled in entertainment for everyone. They would need the amphitheater

each Wednesday from June 2 until July 28. They would like to have trash cans, restrooms, and electricity. They would be responsible for their own cleanup. Some of the entertainment they would bring in includes: Silly Safari (Live animals for kids to interact with), Professor Steve, a magician, and the Bongo Boys. This is an

incredible opportunity for the amphitheater to get used more, and more Peru people to see the Library's projects. The entire board is excited to see this project move forward. The library is willing to come back at the end of the summer to report the success this has been. Paul made a motion to join a partnership with the library to see this project proceeds and allow them to use the amphitheater throughout the summer. Motion second by Olson. Motion passes unanimously.

Betsy wanted to make a comment commending the board for their hard volunteer work, and dedication to the city of Peru.

With nothing else from the people present, Ege made a motion to adjourn. Motion second by Olson.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44pm.

Next meeting will be held March 11, 2021 at 5pm. Venue to be determined later.

Submitted by

Tommie Beattie