

Centralia Park Board Meeting Minutes (unapproved)
Tuesday, May 19, 2009
Centralia Recreation Center - 12:00 NOON

Park Board Members Present: Richard Dickerson, Laurie Peavler, Dale Davidson, Mike Kinkead, Harold Ward, Jeff Ryan, and Bev Reynolds.

Also Present: Lynn Behrns, City Administrator, Jim Enlow, Park Director, and Janey Enlow, Park Department Secretary.

Meeting was called to order at 12:02 PM by Park Board President, Mike Kinkead.

Minutes from the April 21, 2009 Park Board Meeting were approved by consent.

Treasurer's Report was approved by consent.

Centralia Recreation Center

Cable Service is being installed and should be ready by May 26th.

Work is progressing on the security system at the Recreation Center.

Bev R. moved with a second by Laurie P. to lease a copy machine for the Park Department office. Motion pass unanimously.

Richard D. and Laurie P. met with Jim and Janey to plan the opening of the Centralia Recreation Center and shared the following timeline with the Park Board:

Move the Park Office on May 26th.

Open the Recreation Center to the public free of charge from May 28th through June 3rd.

Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting on June 3rd beginning with a Free Barbecue sponsored by the Centralia Friends of the Park and Centralia Optimist Club from 4 PM to 6 PM.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 6 PM.

Centralia Recreation Center will officially open for business on June 4th.

Backdrop wall paper has been created by Richman Graphic for the Donor's Wall located in the Paul and Irene Farmer Hospitality Room. LeeAllen Smith has completed the picture frames and camera shadow box. Once the wallpaper is hung, Sam Jennings can then take measurements to create our wooden trail through the Park for donation plates. Richard D. will then work with our local photographer, Mirror Images, to choose pictures of areas in our parks to hang on the wall.

Flyer and registration forms to promote the first event, a Basketball Clinic, to be held on June 20, 2009 at the Recreation Center have been printed by Richman Graphics and distributed to local and area schools. These are also available at City Hall and the Centralia Park and Recreation office and will be available at the Centralia Recreation Center beginning May 28th.

Swimming Pool

Swim Team registration is being held this week at the swimming pool.

Swimming Pool will open for the season on Monday, May 25, 2009.

Swim Team practice will start on Monday, May 25, 2009 with two times available to practice: 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM or 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM.

Repairs have been made by Herndon Welding and Harper Mechanical to the starting blocks used for swim meets.

The back window to the basket room has been rebuilt by park staff.

Discussion was held about pool hours and booking private parties after school begins in next year. Members decided to leave the policy in place as set last year as follows: Beginning on the date school opens, the Centralia Municipal Swimming Pool will be closed during the week and open on Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Private parties will continue to be booked during this time except for Friday.

Discussion was held about adding a gate to the fence on the east side of the pool to allow for wheelchair entries. Cost would be approximately \$750. Approved by consent.

Anchor Festival

Park staff should have the City Square and downtown areas mowed, trimmed, and tables in place by the end of the day on Tuesday, May 26th.

It was reported that a Women's Slow-Pitch Tournament is being planned during Anchor Festival weekend and would be held at Nathan A. Toalson Bicentennial Park.

It was reported that at this time no Men's Slow-Pitch Tournament is being planned.

July 4th

Harold W. moved with a second by Richard D. to allow the Fireworks Display to be held in the Centralia Recreation Park on Saturday, July 4, 2009. The Centralia Municipal Swimming Pool will be open from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM and reopen at 6:00 PM to one hour following the Fireworks Display. Motion passed unanimously.

Park Directors Report for April

Maintenance

1. We have removed graffiti from the South Shelter and South play equipment 4 times this spring.
2. Mowing and trimming is in good shape.
3. We delivered 4 bleachers to New Beginnings Church for Biker Sunday, delivered 8 tables for Headstart at Fair Grounds, and delivered picnic tables to numerous families for during graduation weekend.
4. We have painted the posts at the South Shelter.
5. In the City Recreation Park we replaced a broken rim on the basketball court, and adjusted the backboard which had slipped down at least 5 inches.
6. Hauled limbs from the parks two times.
7. Have removed the bushes in front of our property on South Howard Burton Drive.

8. Repaired 5 park benches.
9. Refreshed the mulch on all trees and installed a plaque for the Boy Scouts American Elm tree in the City Square.
10. Made a trip to Columbia to haul stainless steel sinks and assembled several items for the Recreation Center.
11. Spread more sand and surface on North and South ball fields.
12. Rolled both the North and South ball fields and re-glued the PVC Pipe back together at North field batting cage.
13. Sprayed Nathan A. Toalson T-ball field for weeds and grass.
14. Due to the rain, we worked on and prepared for games on 3 separate ball fields for the Optimist Club Baseball Tournament on Sun. May 17th. To make up for the lost day on Saturday, the tournament is continuing this week with games scheduled for Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday.
15. We have power washed the Gazebo in the City Square and are in the process of painting it.

Miscellaneous

1. Herndon has repaired the old merry go round at the North park area.
2. There was an altercation last Thursday night at the Men's league. In co-operation with Chief Dudgeon, a letter will be sent to the individual banning him from the Centralia Parks for 1 year.
3. We will finish mowing and trimming the down town area for Anchor Festival on Tuesday, May 26th.

As may arise

A request from Terry Smith to form a Co-Ed Softball League was heard. Discussion was held and Jim will ask him to either attend or present a plan for this league at the June Park Board meeting.

It was decided to review and update the Centralia Park's Policies, Procedures, and Programs next fall.

Jill Angell will hold a Softball Camp for grades 7 through 12 on May 26th and May 27th from 9 AM to 12 PM. This camp is held each year on the West and East Field at Nathan A. Toalson Bicentennial Park.

The annual Baseball Camp will be held later in the summer.

It was reported that the following Park Board Member's terms expire this year:
Jeff Ryan, Harold Ward, and Sonny Tucker.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Janey Enlow, Park Department Secretary