

Centralia Park Board Meeting Minutes (unapproved)

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Centralia Recreation Center - 12:00 NOON

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

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

Meeting was called to order at 12:01 PM by Park Board President, Mike Kinkead.

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

Treasurer's Report: As of June 30, 2009 the Swimming Pool Acct. had a balance of \$880, the Park Acct had a balance of \$76,116, the Recreation Center's balance was \$23,970, and the Sales Tax Acct. was - \$16,408. Treasurer's Report was approved by consent.

Mike announced the Officer's Nominating Committee is Richard D. Laurie, P, and Bev R.

Dale had a suggestion as a replacement for member, Sonny T. who requested to be replaced this year. Mike will follow up on this.

Ball Field Renovation – no new funds have been received. The warning track is not completed.

School & Park Agreement – Mike presented a Field and Facility Use Agreement he had received from Superintendent Ford. Discussion was held. Harold W. moved with a second by Dale D. to accept the Field & Facility Use Agreement and to send it on to the Mayor to be signed. Long discussion was held about the items listed and also about the fact that when the North Baseball Field renovation begun, the school had indicated they would be willing to donate. The Park Board had indicated earlier this year that they were not interested in entering into an agreement for usage of the Park facilities, but was just interested in funds for the above ball field renovation. Voting for the motion was Harold B, Dale D. and Richard D. Voting against the motion was Sonny T., Harold W, Bev R. and Laurie P. Motion failed. Mike K. will go back to Superintendent Ford and the School Board and relay the decision of the Park Board. He issued an invitation for any members to join him.

Patt Olsen addressed the Board about a possible partnership with the Library Board to sponsor "Movies in the Park". Patt said this idea was still in the planning stage, but the thought was to hold a movie night once a month, moving the location to different parks. The Park Board agreed it was a great idea and asked Patt to continue to research this idea.

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Membership sign ups to date are 993.

Jim E. reported on Fitness Guidelines: After being open for a couple of weeks, and seeing some areas that needed to be addressed, guideline were put in place for the Fitness Center as follows:

1. Children age 11 and under are not to be in the cardio fitness/weight machines/ free weight areas.
2. Youth ages 12 to 16 must have a parent or guardian directly assisting them on the cardio fitness equipment/weight machines/ free weight areas.

We have received some feedback to the new guidelines, both positive and negative. One member, who stated she spoke for others also, asked to change the age requirement from 11 yrs. to at least 8 yrs. to allow their children to work out along side their moms. Other members have stated how much they appreciate the new guidelines that keep the children in other areas of the Rec Center and not be allowed to use the adult machines. Someone suggested we change the Youth Admission age from 2 to 16 to align with the new guidelines in the fitness area. Board didn't feel they should make any changes in any admission items until the end of the year.

A request has been made to add mirrors in the fitness area. Jim E. has made a contact and thinks mirrors can be added for approximately \$400 to \$500. He can check further into prices for this addition to the fitness area.

In order to see the entire inside of the building for security we need to add a couple of cameras to the Activity Room and NEOS room. Bev R. moved with a second by Sonny T. to buy mirrors for the fitness area and 2 or 3 cameras as needed. Motion passed unanimously.

We have had some inquiries into rental of our Activity and Conference Rooms, fee information has been given, but no one has actually filled out a rental contract to date.

We are still having some problems regulating the heating/cooling system, and also some pressure problems in the front of the building. Brunner-Peters Heating is going to try adding another vent to see if that helps with our problem.

Aerobic Class Potential for possible start in September: Information was passed out with names of instructors who have offered to help with these classes, lists of the types of classes and equipment needed for these classes. Estimated cost of needed equipment is \$3966.55. Due to the start up costs involved in this activity, it was suggested we conduct a survey of members coming in the Rec Center, asking if the class were held, would they attend then bring the results back to the board in August.

Information was submitted by Dallas Dollens and Ron Cook on Basic Submission Grappling/Wrestling. Discussion was held and several members felt they weren't comfortable with the contact sport as described in the information and the instructors weren't certified, so did not approve the request as submitted.

Thank you notes have been sent to Lynn of Richman Graphics and Cheryl Burnett.

Motion was made by Harold Ward that the Park Board of the City of Centralia, Missouri hold a closed meeting and a closed vote today, and the specific reason for closing the meeting and having a closed vote shall be hiring, firing, disciplining or promotion of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded, as provided for under Section 610.021 (2) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri. I ask that this motion be adopted by roll call vote. Motion was seconded by Richard Dickerson. On a roll call vote of the motion the following members voted aye: Richard Dickerson, Dale Davidson, Sonny Tucker, Harold Beasley, Harold Ward, Bev Reynolds, Laurie Peavler, and Mike Kinhead. The following members voted nay: none. The motion carried. The session was closed.

During the closed session, discussion was held about Park Department personnel. No votes were taken. There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Bev Reynolds with a second by Harold Ward to return to open session. On a roll call vote, the following members voted aye: Richard Dickerson, Dale Davidson, Sonny Tucker, Harold Beasley, Harold Ward, Bev Reynolds, Laurie Peavler, and Mike Kinhead. The following members voted nay: none. The motion carried and the board returned to open session.

Park Directors Report

1. High School Softball Mini Camp was very successful.
2. 4th of July fire works was successful even with all the rain. Pool did not open.
3. We have sprayed most fence lines and parking areas.
4. Have re-hung batting cage nets at N A Toalson BC Park after recent wind and heavy rains.
5. Repainted lines on old shuffleboard court at Middle Shelter.
6. Mulched east side of the Rec Center.
7. Have trimmed ditch thru Recreation Park twice.
8. We have erected US Mail box on Lakeview Street for Park Department mail.
9. Park Employees hauled off old brick from monument at NA Toalson BC Park.
10. Park Employees help set up swimming pool for all home swim meets
11. We provided 8 picnic tables and a mower and tractor as part of the program for the Centralia Pre-School "Things that Go" program on July 16th.
12. Park Employees are spending on an average of 3 hours per day doing general cleaning at the Rec Center.
13. We will have a goose problem at City Recreation Park & South Pond in the future.
14. We are starting to repaint all of our signs located in parks.

Swimming Pool

1. Attendance for the Year: As of July 20th

Last year 2008	11,201	50 days	Average 224
This year 2009	10,005	49	Average 204

2. The Mid Missouri Championship Swim Meet, held on Sat. July 11, was a big success. The only problem we had was with our sewer line which is in direct relationship to the magnitude of this event.
3. Our handicap lift has been repaired.

As may arise:

Ned Ross contacted the Rec Center offering to give the Park Dept. a Nordic Track. Discussion was held and it was decided to decline the offer.

Discussion was held about adding "kick plates" to all doors in the Recreation Center. Jim will bring back price quotes for the August board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Janey Enlow, Park Department Secretary