Centralia Park Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Centralia Recreation Center

12:00 PM

**Park Board Members Present:** Phil Hulen, Todd Alden, Lindsey Magley, Bev Reynolds, and Dale Davidson.

**Also Present:** Erle Bennett—Park Director, Andrea Owens—Secretary, and Tara Strain—City Administrator.

Meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m. by President, Phil Hulen.

The Minutes from February 20, 2024, were approved by consent.

The February Treasurer’s Report was not ready at this time.

**Closed Session**

Lindsey Magley made a motion to go into closed session. Todd Allen seconded the motion. Phil Hulen asked that the motion be accepted by roll call vote. Voting for: Dale Davidson, Todd Allen, Lindsey Magley, Bev Reynolds, and Phil Hulen. Voting Against: None. The session was now closed.

Discussion was held regarding Real Estate property. No votes were taken.

Dale Davidson asked for the meeting to come out of closed session. Linsdey Magley seconded the motion. Phil Hulen asked that the motion be adopted by roll call vote. Voting for: Dale Davidson, Todd Allen, Lindsey Magley, Bev Reynolds, and Phil Hulen. Voting Against: None. The session was now open.

Bev Reynolds made a motion with a second from Lindsey Magley to accept the amended 2024 Pay Scale. Motion passed unanimously.

**Recreation Center**

It was reported that the Recreation Center currently has 2,784 members. Last month the membership was 2,789 and last year the membership was 2,715.

The following classes are being offered at the Centralia Recreation Center:

* Senior in Shape taught by Christyne Robertson held Monday thru Friday 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—52 total signed up, with an average attendance of 25 participants daily.
* Body Fit taught by Christyne Robertson held Monday thru Thursday 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.—11 participants.
* 5 AM Kick Fit taught by Samantha Bryson held Tuesday and Thursdays 5:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. –8 participants.

The Park Director reported that the 5th-6th grade Youth Volleyball League is going well, and Centralia hosted the games on Saturday March 16, 2024. There are a total of 18 girls participating from Centralia. The YMCA in Mexico will host the games this Saturday, March 23, 2024.

The Park Director informed the Board of the following recommendations from the Recreation Center Committee to be added to the 2024-2025 Budget:

Countertop repair at the front desk

New camera in the North Gym

Updated Toilet Seats in both restrooms

Asphalt for Northeast corner of parking lot

The Park Director reported that a line item will be entered in the Budget for a piece of new equipment to be used if needed.

The Park Director reported that the Recreation Center will transfer approximately $29,000 to the Golf Course operation funds to balance out the fiscal year. The Recreation Center will also transfer approximately $7,000-$8,000 to the Pool operation funds to balance out the fiscal year.

**Park**

The Park Director reported that the Park bathrooms will open April 1, 2024.

The Park Director informed the Board that Summer Baseball and Softball Rec League sign-ups are underway.

The Park Director reported that the East Field bathroom project has begun with Doug Brown installing the plumbing and Kevin Jennings will be pouring the concrete.

Discussion was held regarding the Property Tax freeze for patrons 65 and older being added to the April 2024 ballot, and how that could affect Park Revenues that help funds the Park System.

The Park Director reported that the City of Centralia will be transferring monies to the Park Department for assistance with the addition of an ADA sidewalk at the Bicentennial Park area.

The Park Director reported that the new mower for the Park Department will be delivered after April 1, 2024.

The Park Director reported that the Disc Golfers are having a Tournament on the Family Fun Day May 18, 2024, as a fundraiser for signage at the City Recreation Park.

The Grants for funding 80% of cost for a Walking Trail at City Recreation Park and Pickle Ball Courts have been submitted.

**Pool**

The City Pool will open on Monday, May 27, 2024, for the Season.

The Park Director reported that the following classes will be offered at the Pool and details/signups will be available the end of May:

* Evening Aqua Size Monday and Wednesdays 5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. taught by Samantha Bryson
* Morning Aqua Size Monday and Wednesdays 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. taught by Eva Guile
* Morning Water Walking Tuesday and Thursdays 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. taught by Nancy Robinson

Discussion was held regarding swimming lessons and the Park Director is checking into getting someone WSI (Water Safety Instructor) certified to teach swim lessons. More information will be presented at the next meeting.

The Park Director reported that a repair will be made to the blue apron regarding cement work and paint.

The Park Director informed the Board that if the Grant goes through, epoxy will be painted on the slide and the filtration system will be replaced as well as the addition of a UV Filter to the system.

Dale Davidson left at 12:34 p.m.

The Park Director reported that the motor for the pump in the Splash Pad will be replaced.

**Golf**

The Clubhouse will open for the Season on Monday, March 25, 2024. The hours of operation will be 8:00 a.m. to dusk.

Lindsey Magley left at 12:37 p.m.

The Park Director reported that the Golf Course currently has 180 Memberships.

The Park Director reported that after April 1, 2024, the pump from the well that feeds the irrigation will be pulled.

Discussion was held regarding work on the #2 and #6 Tee Boxes.

On Wednesday, March 27, 2024, the Missouri Golf Association is coming to re-slope rate the Golf Course.

The Park Director reported that additional cameras will be installed for the Golf Course security system.

**Items Which May Arise**

Discussion was held regarding the Use Tax on the ballot in April 2024. Tara Strain explained that it is not an additional tax, but rather a tax that will provide 2 ½ % of on-line shopping back into the City of Centralia general tax fund. A Town Hall meeting is scheduled tonight at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall to explain to the community the Use Tax.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at noon at the Recreation Center.

Meeting adjourned at 12:54 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Andrea Owens, Parks, and Recreation Dept Secretary.