

Centralia Park Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 16, 2024
Centralia Recreation Center
12:00 PM

Park Board Members Present: Phil Hulen, Todd Alden, Lindsey Magley, Bev Reynolds, John Wheeler, Mandi Barnes, Jessi O'Bannon, and Dale Davidson.

Also Present: Erle Bennett—Park Director, Andrea Owens—Secretary, and Harold Deckerd—City Alderman.

Meeting was called to order at 12:01 p.m. by President, Phil Hulen.

The Minutes from March 19, 2024, were approved by consent.

The March 2024 Treasurer's Report was approved by consent.

Closed Session

John Wheeler made a motion to go into closed session. Lindsey Magley 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, Mandi Barnes, Jessi O'Bannon, John Wheeler, and Phil Hulen. Voting Against: None. The session was now closed.

The City of Centralia is currently accepting sealed bids for the sale of the East Annex building. Bids will not be accepted after 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 30, 2024. Sealed bids will be opened at the City of Centralia Special Meeting on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Bev Reynolds made a motion with a second from Jessi O' Bannon to hire Bradley Werkmeister as part-time Park and Golf Course Maintenance at \$14.00 per hour. Motion passed unanimously.

Jessi O'Bannon made a motion with a second from Lindsey Magley to hire Kimberly Morris as a Golf Course Receptionist at \$13.00 per hour. Motion passed unanimously.

Bev Reynolds made a motion with a second from Dale Davidson to hire Lori Alden as a Golf Course Receptionist at \$13.00 per hour. Phil Hulen asked the motion to be accepted by roll call vote. Voting for: Dale Davidson, Lindsey Magley, Bev Reynolds, Mandi Barnes, Jessi O'Bannon, John Wheeler, Phil Hulen. Abstained from Voting: Todd Alden

Lindsey Magley asked for the meeting to come out of closed session. Bev Reynolds 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, Jessi O'Bannon, Mandi Barnes, John Wheeler, and Phil Hulen. Voting Against: None. The session was now open.

Recreation Center

It was reported that the Recreation Center currently has 2,740 members. Last month the membership was 2,784 and last year the membership was 2,756.

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 Personal Trainer, Erica Hill, is currently booked with clients and has started a waiting list.

Centralia High School is holding Prom at the East Annex on Saturday, April 27, 2024.

The Park Director reported that repair work has been completed in the laundry room with the addition of a blower fan for the dryer.

The Park Director informed the Board that new toilet seats have been ordered for the restrooms.

The Park Director reported that a storage shed has been donated by Centralia High School and will require new siding, a new roof, and a door. Project is underway.

The Park Director reported that the countertops at the front desk will be replaced this Summer 2024.

The Park Director informed the Board that two cameras need to be replaced at the Rec Center.

Dale Davidson made a motion with a second from Bev Reynolds to purchase a new floor machine at a cost of \$9,057.90. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding having Pickle Ball tournaments to raise monies for an outdoor Pickle Ball court in the City Recreation Park.

Park

The Park Director reported that cameras will be installed at the Bicentennial Park concession stand.

A volunteer group "Enough is Enough" placed 300 crosses at the City Square for one week to raise awareness of the fentanyl crisis in the Country.

The Ministerial Alliance will be providing free lunches at the City Square Monday thru Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. the month of July 2024 and the first two weeks of August 2024.

The East Field bathroom is in the process of being built, and discussion was held regarding sidewalks to be installed between the restroom and the T-Ball field.

Mark Murphy is going to inspect lights that are out in the Park System and access if any poles need to be replaced.

The \$5,000 donation received in honor of Cab Aitkens will be used for new monkey bars at the City Recreation Park and for concrete for Batting Cages at the South Field.

Todd Alden volunteered in assisting with getting the water turned on in the Park bathrooms.

The Park Director reported that Rob Griffin will inspect all buildings for hail damage from the storm last week.

Pool

The Park Director reported that Greg Bramon is repairing the concrete at the Pool.

The Park Director reported that the metal part of the slide will need to be painted in the Fall 2024.

Linsley Magley made a motion with a second from Jessi O'Bannon for Brandon Kinhead to become re-certified with 4 other lifeguards at a cost of \$800.00. Motion passed unanimously.

The Park Director reported that he and Brandon Kinhead are in search of hiring someone to teach swimming lessons.

Discussion was held regarding offering a \$1 swim the Saturday or Sunday before the pool officially opens on Memorial Day. Details to be announced at a later date.

Golf

The Park Director reported that the pump for the well was pulled. The pump and 500 feet of the pipe need to be replaced. Todd Alden made a motion with a second from Bev Reynolds to pay \$28,000 for the purchase of a pump, pipe, and installation costs. Motion passed unanimously.

The Park Director reported that 16 teams played on Sunday, April 14, 2024, in the Master's Tournament.

Discussion was held regarding offering some Night Golf in June and July 2024. A calendar of events at the Golf Course will be presented at the next meeting.

The Park Director reported that there are many young kids playing golf at the Course. Discussion was held to offer some teen nights through out the summer, and the possibility of a Youth Camp.

The Park Director reported that the City of Centralia will be helping with the asphalt on the parking lot.

Lindsey Magley made a motion with a second from Jessi O'Bannon to declare the following items surplus property. Motion passed unanimously:

- Toro Triplex 2800 D Mower
- Toro Greens Aerator
- John Deere 2500A Greens Mower
- John Deere 413 Brush Mower

Lindsey Magley made a motion with a second from Todd Alden to purchase a new Toro Greens Mower for the Golf Course at a cost of \$10,000. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding advertising for local businesses through tee markers and scorecards.

The Family Fun Day will be held at the Golf Course on Saturday, May 18, 2024, and will include Cornhole tournament, Disc Golf tournament, Speed Golf Derby, music, food, Bounce house, kids' games, and a scavenger hunt.

Items Which May Arise

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at noon at the Recreation Center.

Meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Andrea Owens, Parks, and Recreation Dept Secretary.