

Centralia Park Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 21, 2022
Centralia Recreation Center
12:00 PM

Park Board Members Present: Mike Kinkead, Richard Dickerson, Phil Hulen, John Wheeler, Bev Reynolds, Dale Davidson, and Harold Beasley.

Also Present: Erle Bennett-Park Director, Andrea Owens-Secretary, and Jamie Rosenfelder.

Meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by President, Mike Kinkead.

The May 18, 2022 Minutes were approved by consent.

The May 2022 Treasurer's Report was approved by consent.

Closed Session

Richard Dickerson moved that the Park Board of the City of Centralia, Missouri hold a closed meeting and a closed vote today, and the purposes of such closed session and closed vote shall be for under Section 610.021 (2) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri. Mike Kinkead asked that this motion be adopted by roll call vote. Phil Hulen seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following vote: Voting For: Richard Dickerson, Bev Reynolds, John Wheeler, Dale Davidson, Harold Beasley, Phil Hulen, and Mike Kinkead, Voting Against: None. The session was closed.

Discussion was held regarding the deadline to accept applications for the part-time Project/Construction Coordinator is June 30, 2022. Applications can be picked up at City Hall or downloaded from centraliamo.org.

There being no further business to discuss, Mike Kinkead made a motion to return to open session. Richard Dickerson seconded the motion. Mike Kinkead asked that this motion be adopted by roll call vote. The motion passed with the following vote: Voting For: Richard Dickerson, Mike Kinkead, Phil Hulen, John Wheeler, Dale Davidson, Bev Reynolds, and Harold Beasley. Voting Against: None. The session was opened.

Recreation Center

It was reported that the Recreation Center currently has 2,536 members. Last month the membership was 2,529 and last year the membership total was 2,491.

The Park Director reported that Stevens Heating and Cooling Company repaired the HVAC system by replacing the defective coil on one of the roof top units.

The Park Director reported that the new Pop-A-Shot game has been installed and is getting a lot of use.

The Park Director discussed the high volume in the gymnasium between Pickle Ball and patrons playing basketball. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of patrons playing Pickle Ball at the East Annex during the evenings.

The Park Director reported that the pole in the middle curtain in the gymnasium is bent and is in need of repair.

The Park Director reported he ordered a blue tooth speaker and head set for Christyne Robertson to teach the Senior in Shape class.

The Park Director reported that the tinting of the windows in the gymnasium has worked to keep the glare off of the court.

Park

The Park Director reported that the West and East fields are being watered on a regular basis with the new water lines. The Park Director reported he would like to install water lines at the South Field next summer 2023.

All floors of the concession stands, restrooms at Bicentennial Park, and restrooms at South Field have been painted.

The Park Director reported that kiddie cushion has been delivered will be installed at all City Recreation Park playgrounds this week. Kiddie cushion will be delivered to Bicentennial and JayCee playgrounds in the next two weeks.

The Park Director reported that Mark Murphy has been doing monthly inspections in all of the Park playgrounds and buildings.

The Park Director reported a bleacher at East Field needs to be repaired and the piece has been ordered.

Discussion was held regarding the addition of a restroom to be installed at the East field.

The Park Director reported that a 20 x 20 concrete area at the Skate Park needs to be repaired. Discussion was held regarding installing a water fountain at the Skate Park.

Discussion was held regarding the need to install a water fountain at the JayCee Park T-Ball field.

The Park Director reported that the net on the batting cage at North field has been replaced.

The Park Director reported that Tim Dimmitt applied a pre-emergent chemical for crab grass on the turf on the Recreation Park fields.

The Park Director reported that the sidewalk on Booth Street is nearing completion.

The High School baseball team has been playing double headers on the North Field on Tuesday nights during the month of June 2022.

The Merry-Go-Round at the Teardrop playground will be leveled.

The Park Director reported that Wiffle Ball is finished with games, T-ball games will be finished next week, and the rest of Youth League games will be finished by the middle of July 2022.

The 4th of July fireworks will be held on Saturday, July 2nd, and the pool will be open from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and again from 7:00 p.m. to midnight. No other activities will be held during the day at the parks on July 2nd nor July 4th 2022. The Ringing of the Bells will be held on Monday, July 4th at 10:00 a.m. at the City Square.

Golf Course

The Park Director reported that the orange tees for beginning Youth players have been installed.

Coach Finlay, the High School Golf Course Instructor, has started doing clinics on Thursdays for Youth Golfers.

The Park Director reported that the Park Department has planted 80 trees at the Golf Course and 10 trees in the City Recreation Park.

The Park Director reported the Course is using a loaner tractor from Lawn and Leisure until the new tractor is delivered.

Discussion was held regarding the need for the Golf Committee to meet within the next few weeks.

The Park Director reported there is an increase in daily admission fees and that the Course is very busy during the weekdays, evenings, and weekends.

It was reported that 68 cart spaces are being rented—there are 4 available slots to rent.

The Golf Course has the following Memberships: 9 Youth, 21 Students, 70 Adult, and 22 Family for a total of 122 Memberships.

Pool

The Park Director gave a breakdown of the daily pool use:

- ❖ 6:45 a.m.-8:45 a.m. Swim Team Practice Monday thru Friday
- ❖ 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Aqua Size/Water Walking Monday thru Thursday
- ❖ 10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Swimming lessons Monday thru Thursday
- ❖ 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. Lifeguard Trainings Fridays
- ❖ 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Free Senior Swim Fridays
- ❖ 1:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m. Open to the public
- ❖ 6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. Aqua Size/Adult Lap Swim Monday and Wednesday
- ❖ 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Pool Parties Monday thru Thursday
- ❖ 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday Pool Parties

The Park Director reported that the nights there are no pool parties scheduled and the weather very hot, that the pool would stay open later.

There are 3 Twilight Swims scheduled: Friday June 17th, Friday, July 22nd and Friday August 5th, in which the pool is open to the public from 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Discussion was held regarding the possibility of offering Saturday morning pool parties in July 2022.

For Session 1 swimming lessons, there were the following number enrolled: 11 participants for Pre-School and Level 1 and 4 participants for Level 2. For session 2 swimming lessons there are the following number enrolled: 27 participants for Pre-School and Level 1 and 9 participants for Level 2.

There are 18 participants signed up for Evening Aqua Size taught by Emily Hedrick on Monday and Wednesday evenings.

There are 16 participants signed up for Morning Aqua Size/Water Walking taught by Nancy Robinson on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings.

New sign up forms for both Evening and Morning Water Classes are now available at the Rec Center for the July 2022 session.

There are 56 participants actively involved in Swim Team. The Home Swim Team meets have been very successful.

The Park Director reported that 54 Pool Passes have been sold thus far.

Discussion was held regarding future pool repairs.

Items Which May Arise

The Mayor has appointed John Wheeler as a new Park Board Member.

Discussion was held regarding developing a different chipping area at the Golf Course.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at noon at the Recreation Center.

Meeting adjourned at 1:21 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Andrea Owens, Parks and Recreation Dept Secretary.