

Centralia Park Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 15, 2023
Centralia Recreation Center
12:00 PM

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

Also Present: Erle Bennett—Park Director, Andrea Owens—Secretary, and Harold Decker.

Meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by President, Phil Hulen.

The Minutes from July 18, 2023, were approved by consent.

The Treasurer's Report and Financial Reports were not ready at this time.

John Wheeler made a motion to go into closed session. Richard Dickerson seconded the motion. Phil Hulen asked that the motion be accepted by role call vote. Voting for: Dale Davidson, Richard Dickerson, John Wheeler, Todd Allen, Jessi O'Bannon, Lindsey Magley, Mandi Barnes, and Phil Hulen. Voting Against: None. The session was now closed.

During the closed session, Mandi Barnes made a motion with a second from Jessi O'Bannon to hire Sydney Mithowski as Kids Club Director at a pay rate of \$10.00 an hour. Phil Hulen asked that the motion be adopted by role call vote. Voting for: Dale Davidson, Richard Dickerson, John Wheeler, Todd Allen, Lindsey Magley, Mandi Barnes, Jessi O'Bannon, and Phil Hulen. Voting Against: None.

There being no further business, Richard Dickerson asked for the meeting to come out of closed session. John Wheeler seconded the motion. Phil Hulen asked that the motion be adopted by role call vote. Voting for: Dale Davidson, Richard Dickerson, John Wheeler, Todd Allen, Lindsey Magley, Mandi Barnes, Jessi O'Bannon, and Phil Hulen. Voting Against: None. The session was now open.

Recreation Center

It was reported that the Recreation Center currently has 2,782 members. Last month the membership was 2,776 and last year the membership was 2,543.

The following list of classes are being offered during the fall at the Recreation Center:

- ❖ Senior in Shape taught by Christyne Robertson Mon, Wed, and Fri from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
- ❖ Senior in Shape taught by Christyne Robertson Monday through Fridays 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- ❖ Body Bar taught by Christyne Robertson Monday through Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The Park Director reported that Kids Club will begin August 22, 2023—22 participants are signed up thus far and many spaces are still available.

The Park Director reported that painting is now finished at the Recreation Center and East Annex. The backpack shelves have been removed from the Hospitality Room area and FRP is being installed under the counter of the front desk area at the Recreation Center.

The parking lot at the Recreation Center is being repaired and painted. Speed Zone signs have been installed at each end of the parking lot.

Discussion was held regarding the continued increase in memberships at the Recreation Center and the need for more Gym space.

Discussion was held regarding some of the cable stations glitching in the Fitness Area and the Park Director will follow up with Spectrum.

Park

The Annual Pumpkin Festival has been scheduled for Saturday October 21, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Wine/Whiskey Walk on Saturday October 7, 2023.

The Annual BBQ Contest hosted by the Chamber of Commerce will be held at the City Square on Saturday, September 9, 2023.

The Park Director reported that the City Square will be re-seeded this September 2023.

The Park Director reported that the replacement decks for the South Field playground have been delivered---decks and slides will be installed this fall 2023.

The Park Director reported that he installed a chain across the East Field parking lot to prevent people doing donuts in the lot.

The Park Director informed the Board that the ball fields have been edged.

Kiddie Cushion will be installed at JayCee Park playground, and the Park Director reported that the mats under the swings have helped tremendously.

The Park Director informed the Board that the park employees have been watering approximately 500 trees every week—he is going to apply for a grant that will pay \$5,000 towards the purchase of a watering cart.

John Wheeler left at 1:09.

The Park Director will compile a list of projects for the Board to prioritize at the next meeting.

Mandi Barnes left at 1:15 p.m.

Pool

The last day of attendance was 7, 754 on Aug 5, 2023.

The Pool was drained on August 14, 2023.

The City of Centralia Water Department has been helping the Park Department with pool issues.

The Splash Pad post switch has been on order for 2 ½ months.

Golf

There are currently 163 Golf Membership, up from 125 last year--8 Youth, 30 Students, 16 Junior, 83 Adult, and 26 Family and 72 Cart Storages.

The Park Director reported that the new Ice Maker has been installed at the Clubhouse.

The Park Director reported that he has applied for a Grant to upgrade the irrigation system.

The Park Director reported that a drone took videos of the Golf Course to put pictures on the Website.

Discussion was held regarding the possibility of obtaining a separate liquor license for special events held at the Golf Course.

Lindsey Magley made a request for a baby changing station at the Clubhouse.

Items Which May Arise

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at noon at the Recreation Center.

Meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Andrea Owens, Parks and Recreation Dept Secretary.