

Centralia Park Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 17, 2023
Centralia Recreation Center
12:00 PM

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

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

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

The Minutes from September 19, 2023, were approved by consent.

The Treasurer's Reports from August 2023 and September 2023 were approved by consent. The Park Director requested that the Board form a Budget Committee to help re-evaluate the Pay Scale and operating expenses.

The Park Director informed the Board that our Coke contract is up for renewal. The Park Director presented contracts from Coke and Pepsi. Bev Reynolds made a motion with a second from Lindsey Magley for the Park Department to obtain a 5 year contract with Pepsi. Motion passed unanimously.

Recreation Center

It was reported that the Recreation Center currently has 2,742 members. Last month the membership was 2,783 and last year the membership was 2,557.

The Aging Best Balance Class held on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. is going very well with 17 participants attending weekly. The last day of this class is November 15, 2023.

Discussion was held regarding a celebration next Summer for the Recreation Center's 15-year Anniversary. Details about the Event will be determined at a later date.

The Park Director reported that Youth Basketball will begin practicing next week. The Recreation Center will host games on the following Saturdays: November 18, 2023, December 9, 2023, and December 16, 2023. There are 32 total 3rd/4th grade boys and girls and 36 total 5th/6th grade boys and girls participating.

The Park Director reported that part of the sidewalk in the parking lot will be repaired.

Kids Club has approximately 45-50 kids participating on a daily basis.

Park

The Park Director shared photos of all the repairs/upgrades regarding safety issues through out the Park system:

- ❖ Replaced slide at South Shelter playground.
- ❖ A new slide has been installed at North Shelter playground.
- ❖ New decks have been replaced at the North Shelter playground.

Mark Murphy, Steve Buckert, and Todd Allen have been a huge help with the playground repairs.

The Park Director presented a lay-out of the family style ADA bathroom that will be built at the East Field.

The City Square and all of the Ball Fields have been seeded.

The Park Director reported that mini forests that can be planted at the City Recreation Park and Golf Course through the TRIM Grant.

The Park Director informed the Board that the bathrooms in the Parks will be closed and winterized October 30, 2023.

Pool

The Park Director presented the Board with pictures of the rusted pump that has been replaced by the City of Centralia Water Department. Matt Rusch and the Water Department have been a huge help to the Park Department in this major project.

Discussion was held offering City Employees a discount for either the Golf Course or the Recreation Center. To be further addressed at a later date.

The Pumpkin Festival will be held at the City Square on Saturday, October 21, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Golf

The Park Director reported that the wildflower plots will be seeded in January 2024.

Discussion was held regarding the success of the Tailgate Campaign Fundraiser. Approximately 75 people attended and the total profit from the Event was \$19,037. A breakdown of the profit and expenses are attached.

The Clubhouse Rental Fees include use of the indoor facility and one staff member, the Golf Course is not included. Alcohol is available for purchase within the Clubhouse. The fees are as follows:

- ◆ 1-3 hours \$175
- ◆ 4-6 hours \$325
- ◆ 7-9 hours \$450

Items Which May Arise

The Park Director reported he is going to research a Grant for a Walking Trail at City Recreation Park.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at noon at the Recreation Center.

Meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Andrea Owens, Parks and Recreation Dept Secretary.