

Park Board Meeting Minutes

June 14th, 2023

Members Present: Rachel Choate, Jennifer Shelton, Sheena Postlewait, Rowdy Douglas, Stetson Evetts and Amy Smith

Members Absent: Wendy Sholtz, Larry Benoist, Jeff Richardson and Preston Wade

Robbie Mortensen, Parks and Recreation Director, present.

Guests: Viki Narancich, Mayor

- I. Call to order by President, Rachel Choate at 6:03 pm.
- II. Meeting minutes from May 18th, 2023 were presented to each board member, Stetson Evetts made a motion to accept minutes, Rowdy Douglas 2nd motion. Motion passed by all who were present.
- III. Sports
 - a. Baseball—Almost done with T-ball and toss ball. Only 2 games were rained out and Robbie is getting those rescheduled. Machine for baseball is needing reset frequently and Robbie thinks that the same machine is being used every time. He has rotated the other machine to be used first and see if that will help as the season ends. We are using the Chamber field for practices and games and have been working with the Chamber to improve field. Turkey grit was supposed to have been delivered, but didn't happen. Mayor, Viki Narancich and Robbie have been working on getting new lights and new poles. Robbie is working to get a quote from Intercounty Electric on new poles.
 - b. Softball—Rowdy requested maybe a different league for softball next year because it has been the same Mt. Grove team every week. Robbie agrees and will try to find something better next year.
 - c. Swim--Toni McKinney is in charge of swim team and has 16 kids this year. Swim lessons has signed up 45 kids so far for lessons and those are moving forward. A suggestion was made for an initial swim assessment to see what level each student was at before classes begin.
 - d. End of Season Party—Discussions for a Sunday party maybe 4-7pm in July. Robbie will discuss with Dakota about getting life guards and plan the date. We plan to have hotdogs, hamburgers, sides and drinks. Will give out 1 day pass for pool or golf to all coaching volunteers.
- IV. New Business

- a. Water aerobics and Lap Swim-- Water aerobics price is \$1 and Lap Swim is \$1. Each of these are separate from pool season passes and will need to be paid for each individual participating.
 - b. Sports Complex—Robbie has contacted an architectural firm from Springfield who is going to do a drawing of our proposed ball fields and complex. He couldn't remember the name of the firm, but they came down and did a day visit with Robbie and viewed all the properties that were surveyed. Robbie reports that the architectural firm felt the chamber property would cost too much to prepare the land.
 - c. Rachel Choate has agreed to being President. Amy Smith made a motion to elect Rachel as President, Sheena Postlewait 2nd motion. All in attendance voted yes.
 - d. Jeff Richardson has agreed to being Vice President. Jennifer Shelton made a motion to elect Jeff as Vice President, Stetson Evetts 2nd motion. All in attendance voted yes.
 - e. Wendy Sholtz has agreed to be Secretary. Amy Smith made a motion to elect Wendy as Secretary, Jennifer Shelton 2nd motion. All in attendance voted yes.
- V. Old Business
- a. Hwy 17 Park—No new news on park or funding. Rachel wants to have an Open Forum during July's meeting from 5:30-6:00 pm to discuss ideas for the park.
 - b. Park Updates—Digger is not here yet, but Robbie is watching for it. Discussed getting prices for grills for our 3 pavilions. Robbie will get those and we can budget for them, maybe next year.
- VI. Pool Update/Staffing
- a. West Port Pools have not been here yet. The pump we are using has been working so far. Robbie will continue to contact them to get some sort of resolution or until they come and service the pump.
 - b. The pool has 27 lifeguards this year. Discussions of drug testing and having more testing than the "random" testing that all city employees under go. Robbie will look into a more cost-effective way that we can do this, maybe through the Health Department. Mayor Viki says this has been a discussion for city council as well.
- VII. Misc.
- a. Golf Course—Robbie gave an update on memberships and how they are up this year. The greens are in better shape and we need to continue to look into getting help to water and mow.
- VIII. Jennifer Shelton made a motion to dismiss, Rowdy Douglas 2nd motion. All present agreed.

