

NORTH MANCHESTER PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

March 31, 2021

MINUTES

The North Manchester Parks & Recreation Board met in regular session at the Strauss-Peabody Aquatic and Fitness Center Conference Room. Members present: President Mel Sautter (24), Vice-President Jack Vineyard (25) and Bobbi Lautzenheiser (23). Also present were Jennifer Hotchkiss (Director) and Linda Miller (Assistant Director).

CALL TO ORDER

Mel Sautter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

VISITOR COMMENTS

There were none.

MINUTES

Minutes from the February 24, 2021 Regular Meeting were presented for approval. Motion for approval (JV/BL) was passed by a voice vote of members present.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

The Maintenance Report was reviewed. (Copy attached)

DIRECTOR REPORT

The Director's Report was reviewed. (Copy attached)

MRA REPORT

Jack reported that the MRA Board has held several meetings. Usually they hold tryouts for team placement; however, since they missed a year of playing, they decided to just place the kids on teams, making them as equal as possible. He also reported that they have more signups this year than last. As of last night's meeting, they have found coaches for all the teams. Financially they are in good shape. Practices will pretty much be the month of April and then games will begin the first of May. They finally have the concession stand back in shape.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILL PAYMENTS

Claims and Allowance Docket

The March Claims and Allowance Docket in the amount of \$61,228.34 was reviewed. Motion to approve the March Claims and Allowance Docket in the amount of \$61,228.34 (BL/JV) was passed by a voice vote of members present.

Monthly Park and Recreation Financial Reports

The March Claims Summary, Utility Comparison Report, February Expense Reports and February Revenue Report were reviewed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Splash

At last month's meeting, Mel had reported some round numbers for the Splash Endowment Fund. He now has an update with the actual reported numbers from the Community Foundation. The balance at the beginning of January 2020 was \$421,000. Donations received were \$10,350. Total income including interest/dividends/gains was \$59,000. There were \$5,200 in expenses. The ending balance was \$475,080. Mel will bring in some thank you cards for the board to sign and send out.

Dog Park

Jennifer reported that she went to Wabash and toured their dog park and received some good pointers/tips. She and Adam met with the landowner of the N. Market St. property and the soil testing shows 4-7 feet of peat, which is not ideal for building. The land owner did give Adam an initial selling price which was high, and Adam was going to counter with a lower price. The location and size of the property is perfect at .86 acre. Jennifer called to get an estimate on fencing and it would be \$16,000-\$20,000. The price of the entrance gate lock will be \$500-\$700, and it requires electricity and Wi-Fi. The app is downloadable and the subscription cost is \$300/year. For Wi-Fi, we can get a jet pack or mi-fi and add it to her cell phone at a cost of \$10-\$20/month.

Tenth Anniversary

Jennifer asked the board to be thinking of ideas for our upcoming 10th anniversary in December.

NEW BUSINESS

Ogan's Landing Trees

Mel reported that he was approached by a member of the Tree Commission. They have trees available at no cost, to plant in public places through the Walrod Program. Mel thought that we could use more trees at Ogan's Landing since we only planted six there earlier. After some discussion, it was the general consensus of board members present to tell them yes. Mel will get a message back to them.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

APPROVED _____

Mel Sautter, President

Jack Vineyard, Vice-President

Becky Kreps, Member

Bobbi Lautzenheiser, Member

Rick Espeset, Member