

MEETING OF THE PARK BOARD

Monday, October 28, 2024, at 5:00 PM

COMMUNITY CENTER MEETING ROOM, 1050 N. ORANGE ST., RICHLAND CENTER, WI 53581

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by President Elliott, and a quorum was present; the meeting had been properly noticed.

ROLL CALL: Park Board members: Pat Elliott, Kathryn Lewandowski, Allicia Woodhouse, Brad Wegner, Mark Chambers, Jodi Mieden, Larry Hallett via Teams. Absent: Chad Cosgrove.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Wegner to waive the reading of the minutes of the last meeting(s) in lieu of printed copies and approve the same, 2nd by Lewandowski. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

2. Discussion about dugouts on Krouskop Ballfields 5/6.

Rick Ermilio and Ryan Chapin came to discuss the dugouts and a storage box for Ballfields 5/6 and brought another estimate. It was noted that after review by Elliott, Glasbrenner and Mieden, new concrete was not needed and Glasbrenner recommends simplifying the design to keep annual maintenance minimal. Members requested conversation with Glasbrenner about the dugouts, and Mieden plans to meet to discuss. Ermilio noted that he had already fundraised close to \$2k and has Culver Share nights in 2025 and Spaghetti suppers planned for future fundraising.

3. Discussion and possible approval of Sunrise Basketball becoming a Sanctioned Rec Group. Fuzz McCauley spoke on the history of the group using the high school gym with no issues for over 40 years. There is a core group of individuals that continue to participate and some new are being added to the group. All participants are to sign an individual Park & Recreation waiver to participate. The department will take over responsibility for reserving the gym. Motion by Wegner to approve Sunrise Basketball as an official sanctioned group, 2nd by Chambers. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible approval on the following Sanctioned Recreation Groups: A. Futsal

B. Richland Center Church League- Co-ed Volleyball League

Both returning organizations were approved for the 2024-25 season. Motion to approve by Wegner, 2nd by Woodhouse. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion and possible approval of the Meal Site Rental Agreement.

Mieden noted the minimal changes to the contract concerning timeframe, phone line deletion, and verbiage for the Rise 'N' Dine program. The relationship with the Meal Site team is good and a wonderful offering for the community. The board unanimously voted to approve the 2-year contract. Motion by Woodhouse, 2nd by Lewandowski. Mieden will forward on to approve at Common Council.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Approval of payment of the monthly bills.

Motion by Chambers to approve August Bills. 2nd by Lewandowski. Motion carried unanimously. **MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT**

Revenues for 2024, September 24-October 27 were provided.

SENIOR COORDINATOR'S REPORT: The final bus trip to the Diamond Jo Casino was on October 10th. 44 paid passengers made a profit of \$215.00. A total of \$1,315.00 was the profit from the four bus trips in 2024. Another \$50.00 has been deposited in coffee money making the total deposited for the year



\$355.00. We had another euchre tournament to earn scholarship money for children's summer program that netted \$85.00 dollars thanks to many generous car players. The breakfast by Our House each month was very well attended. Each Wednesday in November at 9:30 we will be having classes on chess for anyone interested in learning. The jigsaw puzzles that we have out every day continue to be very popular with many people. We are very lucky to have many puzzles donated to us from so many generous people. As many as two puzzles are completed each week. The Richland Area Senior Citizen potluck held each month on the third Thursday has grown with many new members. It is a wonderful social time enjoyed by all. This month they decorated pumpkins and Jodi judged them.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Our Trick-or-Treat Trail event was Friday, October 25th, 4:30-6pm. Jena had 25 businesses signed up, 2 candy donors and we gave out close to 600 bags of candy (pre-bagged x2pc). I have been coordinating with Jasen G. on some of the issues we have experienced this season and are planning for the next year. He tested a robot mower and wants to try to incorporate one into our mowing fleet. Spencer Reed has left his position in the City so we are looking for a new Lead in Buildings and Grounds. We are looking at options for tent campers in alternate spots. We have discussed changing focus on the Splash Pad project to sail shades and no concrete and confirmed with Keith Behling that we were not going to pursue the proposed shelter. He plans to let the Club know at the next meeting and find out if they are still interested even if we pursue the sail shade option and get back to me. Neuman came October 1-2 and McGuire October 4th. Hopes were that Neuman could get everything done in one day this year and save some \$\$, but they decided to send 2 guys for 2 partial days. It was cheaper than in the past, and I mentioned my lack of excitement to have 2 trip charges. Weekly turn-on of all pumps is underway and unfortunately four pumps have already seized up after only one week of inactivity. Holiday Party invite was extended to the Board.

PARK BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT: Thanked Mieden for her hard work shutting down the pool and is looking for more collaboration with the Public Works Director/Property Committee, and has concerns with the shelter and dugout projects.

REPORTS, REQUESTS, CONCERNS: Members looking for more collaboration on current projects. Would like DPW to attend or have a joint meeting to discuss. Hallett noted that the footbridge needed maintenance and Mieden stated that it had been taken care of.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE: 4th Monday of the Month. November 25th, 2024, at 5:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to Adjourn by Chambers. 2nd by Woodhouse. Motion carried unanimously.