

## **NORTH MANCHESTER PARK AND RECREATION BOARD**

December 6, 2021

### **MINUTES**

The North Manchester Parks & Recreation Board met in regular session at the Strauss-Peabody Aquatic and Fitness Center Conference Room. Members present: Vice-President Jack Vineyard (25), Rick Espeset (22), and Becky Kreps (22). Also present were Jennifer Hotchkiss (Director), Linda Miller (Assistant Director), Brian Enyeart and Jason Egolf (MRA).

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Jack Vineyard called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### **VISITOR COMMENTS**

Brian Enyeart, MRA President, stated that he and Jason Egolf were only at the meeting to gather information about the Dog Park situation and to answer any questions the board might have for them. Jack informed them the board would allow them speak during the Dog Park time on the agenda.

#### **MINUTES**

Minutes from the November 22, 2021 Regular Meeting were presented and approved by consensus.

#### **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 bills have all been paid, equipment picked up, restrooms winterized and locked up. He also noted that the water bill went down \$1,000.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILL PAYMENTS**

##### **Claims and Allowance Docket**

The December Claims and Allowance Docket in the amount of \$17,724.51 was reviewed. Motion to approve the December Claims and Allowance Docket in the amount of \$17,724.51 (RE/BK) was passed by a voice vote of members present.

##### **Monthly Park and Recreation Financial Reports**

The December Claims Summary, Utility Comparison Report, November Expense Reports and November Revenue Report were reviewed.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### **Splash**

There was nothing new to report at this time.

##### **Tenth Anniversary**

See Director's Report.

##### **Ogan's Landing Canoe Launch**

There was no update at this time.

##### **TLC – Town Life Center**

Jennifer reported that she is currently working on taking this over and is transferring the rental information into our system.

##### **Aquatics Position**

Jennifer has placed a Help Wanted Ad in the News-Journal and The Paper which will run this week and next. She still has not heard anything from Ball State.

### **Dog Park**

Jennifer shared with the board that she and a few other community members met at the Dog Park site last Thursday and Eric from the News-Journal took some photos and put a little blurb about it on Facebook. The full story will run in the paper this week. She will be meeting with a fencing company on Wednesday. She plans to get a second quote, in the event we would have to move the Dog Park in the future, since it was learned this morning that the MRA has a vision for that land if funding would ever become available, but there is no set time-frame.

Jason Egolf expressed concerns that the MRA Maintenance Building, which sits along the Grossnickle ditch, is deteriorating and leaning to one side. He fears that the upcoming ditch work could cause it to collapse sooner, and if that happens, they will have to use that piece of land for a new building. Brian Enyeart apologized for approaching the Park Board at the last minute and said they were totally shocked and had no idea the MRA site was officially decided on. He expressed several concerns and said that is the only piece of land they have left to expand on. They have a vision of putting batting cages and/or a small t-ball field there if funds are found in the future. He also suggested other possible sites for the Dog Park and said it would be a waste of taxpayer's money to build the Dog Park and then have to relocate it in the future.

Jennifer added that Adam currently has her MRA file and he is doing extensive research on the history and purpose of the land and its intended use. We will let you know our findings.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **MRA Lease**

This matter was tabled to the January 26, 2022 Park Board meeting.

### **COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

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Mel Sautter, President

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Jack Vineyard, Vice-President

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Becky Kreps, Member

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Bobbi Lautzenheiser, Member

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Rick Espeset, Member