

NORTH MANCHESTER PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

March 30, 2022

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), Bobbi Lautzenheiser (23) and Becky Kreps (22). Also present were Jennifer Hotchkiss (Director), Linda Miller (Assistant Director), MRA Board Members Brian Enyeart (President), Jason Egolf (Vice-President), Jeff Felgar (Secretary), Greg Jarrett, Zach Renz and Heath Medsger.

CALL TO ORDER

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

VISITOR COMMENTS

There were none.

MINUTES

Minutes from the February 23, 2022 Regular Meeting were presented for approval and passed by consensus.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

The Maintenance Report was reviewed. (Copy attached)

DIRECTOR REPORT

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

MRA REPORT

Jack was not present to give his report.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILL PAYMENTS

Claims and Allowance Docket

The March Claims and Allowance Docket in the amount of \$61,946.85 was reviewed. Motion to approve the March Claims and Allowance Docket in the amount of \$61,946.85 (BL/BK) 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

MRA

Brian Enyeart stated that the MRA Board was there to touch base and speak about how they can't undo what was done in the past and all they can do is build for the future. They want to get past this Dog Park thing, but how they found out about it, they don't want to ever happen again. They understand the Park Board is relying on someone to pass the information on and that didn't happen. Last year they brought it out of the ashes it was in and did a lot of good things, and at the end of the year were looking forward to things they could do, ways to expand, and prioritize things. So when they found out about the Dog Park through Facebook, it felt like a slap in the face. It hit them wrong and they felt when they brought up their concerns that they really didn't matter. Brian added, to be truthful a couple of months ago we were just going to turn in keys and say if this is the way it's going to be, you run it and deal with it. What kept them from doing that was the kids and they were afraid if they did that, there might not be a program this summer. Moving forward, they don't want that to happen again. Jack is the go-between, but things get lost in translation. They will be making a better effort of being at Park Board meetings by sending at least one representative. Mel informed them that if they have a specific item to discuss and action that needs taken, to let Jennifer know ahead of time so it can be put on the agenda. Jennifer added that she could also attend the MRA meetings. Brian also commented that they would like to revisit the lease and add/change things for 2023. Moving forward, they want to work together instead of against each other and have better communication with each other. Brian requested permission for a well, and the board informed him to send an email to Jennifer tomorrow asking for permission to put in a well.

Splash

Jennifer reported that she received a letter from the Community Foundation which included a detailed list of donations that were made in the memory of Liz Shilling totaled \$5,042.47.

Jennifer also reported that the total of Dog Park donations is \$6625.00.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

APPROVED _____

Mel Sautter, President

Jack Vineyard, Vice-President

Becky Kreps, Member

Bobbi Lautzenheiser, Member

Rick Espeset, Member