

NORTH MANCHESTER PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

April 30, 2024

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 (28), Bobbi Lautzenheiser (27), Jack Vineyard (25) and Rick Espeset (24). Also present were Linda Miller (Assistant Director) and Noah Cain (Park Facilities Manager).

CALL TO ORDER

Mel Sautter called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

VISITOR COMMENTS

There were none.

MINUTES

Minutes from the March 20, 2024 Regular Meeting were presented for approval. Motion for approval (RE/BL) was passed by a voice vote of members present.

NEW BUSINESS

New Skid loader

Noah addressed the board asking for approval to purchase a skid loader which will replace our old tractor. He explained that our current tractor is a late 1990's model and it needs \$10,000-\$15,000 in service just to get it running again. He gave the board copies of three quotes he received. His preference is to purchase the Bobcat T66 for both the serviceability and rental use. He explained that Eel River will be able to service it and they have rentals for every attachment. With other brands, most attachments won't work. The board reviewed and discussed the quotes. Motion to purchase the Bobcat T66 Skid loader from Warsaw Bobcat (JV/RE) 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 they have developed a junior high team for both softball and baseball. Things are going extremely well at the MRA. Opening day is this Saturday.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILL PAYMENTS

Claims and Allowance Docket

The April Claims and Allowance Docket in the amount of \$105,855.47 was reviewed. Motion to approve the April Claims and Allowance Docket in the amount of \$105,855.47 (JV/BL) was passed by a voice vote of members present.

Monthly Park and Recreation Financial Reports

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dog Park

See Director's Report. (Copy attached)

Outdoor Pickleball Courts

Mel informed the board that a brochure has been developed and printed. He passed a copy around for members to view. It looks very nice and includes what it is, levels of giving, and cost of naming for corporate sponsors. Tim met with the Parkview Foundation, and they will not be a naming member but will be donating an undisclosed amount. Ford Foundation and Midwest Eye Consultants are stating the same. Tim has voiced concern about how much money needs to be raised before they can break ground. Mel learned from his son Nathan who works at Zimmer Biomet, that they have become the official partner to APP, PPA Tour, and USA Pickleball. Mel and Nathan talked to Tim about this and helped write a letter to them asking for half (\$135,000).

New Dehumidification System for Pool Area

There was no update at this time.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:43 a.m.

APPROVED _____

Mel Sautter, President

Jack Vineyard, Vice-President

Becky Kreps, Member

Bobbi Lautzenheiser, Member

Rick Espeset, Member