

# Pendleton Park Board Meeting Minutes

## February 24, 2021

**I. Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Park Board President Bryan Williams. Additional board members present: Jen Roberts, Laretta Gray, Josh Ring, Ana Blake and Steve Wills. . Also attending were Park Board attorney Bill Davisson, Park Director Aaron Burriss, Todd Miller, Donnie Meyer, Preston Dixon and Ella Dixon.**

### **II. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from January meeting were approved.

### **III. Public Comments**

**A. Comments and Questions from the Public:** no comments/questions presented.

### **IV. Sahm's Smokehouse Update**

a. No representation from Sahm's.

### **V. Sports Complex Update**

Todd Miller reported the following

- 1) Weather permitting work will begin on the fields on March 1<sup>st</sup>. New field material is scheduled to be delivered on March 6<sup>th</sup>.
- 2) After some discussion with surrounding leagues we will not be required to block/section off areas of the complex. There will still be a mask requirement.
- 3) There will be no bleachers in use at the complex this year.

### **VI. Golf Course Report**

Scott Davis was not present, however he submitted a written report for the board to review.

- 1) Discussion regarding where to pay for a new pump station took place. Aaron Burriss commented that while the golf course made money last year he does not feel it would be a good idea to start the season in a \$48,000 hole. He has spoken with Brian Slick about this and Brian agreed that using 2018 Bond funds to pay for the new pump makes the most sense. Both Aaron and Donnie feel comfortable with either company that submitted quotes to do the work. Motion to approve the Bastin Logan quote for the new pump made by Ana Blake, second by Josh Ring. All members present in favor.
- 2) Steve Willis raised a question about allowing people to go sledding at the golf course. Aaron replied that we are promoting people to use the golf course for sledding but we are not kicking them off the golf course either. Moving forward staff will be staking off high value turf areas to keep people who are sledding off of those areas.

### **VII. Pool Report**

a. No Report

### **VIII. New Business**

a. Brown Pool Opening

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- 1) After reviewing the newest update from the State Health Department many of the protocols from 2020 are being carried over. These include regular sanitization of high touch surfaces, masks must be work by everyone on the pool deck at all times and 6ft social distancing must be maintained at all times.
- 2) Costs associated with opening the pool for the 2021 season will be about \$20,000
- 3) Sponsorships have not been secured for the pool but there has not been any work done to actively seek out sponsors.
- 4) Bryan Williams asked Preston Dixon if he thought staff could manage all of the requirements put forth from the state. Preston responded that it would be a lot of work but he thinks that staff would be able to manage the work load.
- 5) Discussions around the potential financial impact that opening the pool may have on the park budget moving forward.
- 6) Mrs. Gray commented that she would like to see the park open the pool this year because the longer it stays closed the less likely it is that we ever open the pool again.
- 7) Motion made by Mrs. Gray to open Brown Pool for the 2021 season, second by Steve Wills. Vote tied 3-3. A special meeting will be scheduled for next week when the full board can be present.

### **VIII. Old Business**

a. **Finance Committee** – No report

b. **Log Cabin**

Steve Wills reported

1) Electricity is finished inside. The major project yet to be completed is the chinking but that requires warmer weather.

c. **Friends of Falls Park**

Joe Noel reported

1) Farmers Market- The friends group has formed an exploratory committee to gauge interest in taking over the market. Joe Noel has also looked into an insurance policy to cover the market through the Friends group; the policy would cost \$465 for the year. The Friends group is looking into forming a committee within their group that would manage and oversee the market. This committee would serve the "market master" role when it comes to resolving disputes between vendors. The Friends group is also exploring the possibility of applying for a grant through the South Madison Community Foundation to help cover the costs of insurance and marketing for the Famers Market. Discussion about the location of the market and how vendors felt about using the front of the park; vendors liked the location but safety of patrons is the main hang up. With better leadership and organization this could be addressed and made better. Joe will be working on these action items and return to the board with a plan for the board to look at.

2) Heritage Fair is currently on for this coming year. Vendors are in place from last year.

### **X. Director of Maintenance Report**

Donnie Meyer reported

1) Still working

### **XI. Director Report**

Aaron Burris reported the following

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- 1) Security Cameras at the North 40 are still on hold while we wait to get the wire pulled to camera locations. Once this is completed and we have constant power at the needed locations Convergent will come and finish the installation.
- 2) Weather the past few weeks has been uncooperative for Vegi-Tech to come and complete the work on the woods west of the Park Office. Staff continues to be in contact with them and will get the work scheduled as soon as the weather permits.
- 3) Vectren Meter Station is still in negotiation. The original plans discussed were not at all what they sent back to us so we have been working with Vectren to try and find a compromise. Until they present something agreeable the meter station will be moving to park property.
- 4) PROS consulting are working through another round of edits to the Master Plan. We hope to have these edits done and final document to present at the next board meeting.

**XII. Approval of claims from October 2020**

The Register of Claims for January 2021. Motion made by Laretta Gray, 2nd by Jen Roberts, approval by all. Members present did sign the January 2021 Register of Claims.

7:33 pm Meeting adjourned by President Bryan Williams.