

# Pendleton Park Board Meeting Minutes

## January 27, 2021

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

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

Minutes from December 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**

A. Todd Miller reported the following

- 1) Pendleton Jr. Baseball has moved signups for this coming season from February to March. Opening Day will be May 8<sup>th</sup> with no parade being held. First practices for the year will be held the Monday after spring break.
- 2) The first game at the complex will be April 5<sup>th</sup>, with the high school JV.
- 3) So far there are 13 baseball tournaments scheduled to be held at the complex in 2021. These tournaments are scheduled for May through August with anticipated revenue to be around \$27,000.
- 4) Co-Ed softball registration is open, 4 teams have signed up already.
- 5) Pendleton Jr. Football is working on plans for a new building. Once the plans have been received we will present them for board approval.
- 6) The sports complex has been re keyed so that all buildings are on the same master and keys that are handed out can be tracked easier.
- 7) Sponsorships are slow moving right now as business are waiting to see how things move this spring. The Community Hospital Sponsorship will be renewed in July.

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

A. Scott Davis reported the following:

- 1) We have carried a lot of momentum from a wonderful year last year into this year. We have secured another 100 player full field outing for 2021. As well as another league that would like to play at Fall Creek. Expectations are that we continue to be as busy this year as we were last year.
- 2) With another golf course closing in Anderson we now have 2 main competitors in Edgewood and Meadow Brook.
- 3) The golf course is in need of a new pump for the irrigation system. The current pump is old (installed in 1989) and has been rebuilt twice. The cost to repair the pump will be around \$10,000 which is in line with the previous repairs that have been made. It is our recommendation that we have the new pump installed prior to the startup of the irrigation system for the 2021 season. We have two quotes, the first is from Midwest Pump for \$48,000, and the second is from Bastin Logan

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for \$46,845. There is some money left over from revenue in 2020 that could cover the majority of the new pump or we could use money from the 2019 Bond to pay for the new pump. Discussion took place and the topic was tabled until the February meeting when a recommendation could be made from the Finance Committee as to where the funds should come from to pay for the pump.

**VII. Pool Report**

- a. No Report

**VIII. New Business**

- a. None

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- a. **Finance Committee** – Brian Slick reported.
  - 1) Operating funds are up approximately \$58,000 year over year. Donations Funds are down approximately \$19,000 year over year. The golf course made over \$40,000 this year after the purchase of 20 new golf carts for \$50,000. The pool lost less money this year by not opening than it has the previous two years. The board should be thinking about this as we move forward with the pool and its plans for the 2021 season and the restrictions that may still be in place due to the current COVID climate.
- b. **Log Cabin** – Steve Wills reported
  - 1) The roof and doors have been installed. Lights and electricity hooked up inside will be the next step. May 1<sup>st</sup> is the target date to have the cabin open for rentals.
- c. **Friends of Falls Park** – Joe Noel reported
  - 1) Even with the cancelation of the Heritage Fair in 2020 the group is in good financial shape. They were able to keep many of the vendors in place as well as many of the prepaid expenses will be rolled over to the 2021 event. The group is hoping to add more attractions to this year's Heritage Fair in hopes of drawing an even larger audience.
  - 2) At the last meeting group members were surveyed on what events they enjoyed and the group should continue into 2021. On that list were the lights in Falls Park. Everyone enjoyed the lights and the group hopes this will be bigger and better next year with additional planning time.
  - 3) A spring cleanup day will be forthcoming this year as it is a good socially distant activity for people to enjoy.
  - 4) The Friends of Falls Park will be discussing the possibility of taking over the Farmers Market at their next meeting. Last year when the idea was presented the group did not feel they were in position to take over the market.

**X. Director of Maintenance Report**

- a. Donnie Meyer reported
  - 1) Staff has been working around the North 40 pond to clean up the overgrown banks. Staff has also been working with Dependable Tree to remove numerous dead and dangerous trees throughout the trails.

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**XI. Director Report**

Aaron Burris reported the following

- 1) Vegi-Tech is hoping to have the downed trees and underbrush in the woods west of the park office done in the next few weeks.
- 2) We had the boring done to run constant power to a light pole in the North 40. This constant power is needed for the new cameras that are to be installed in this area. Convergent is checking their schedule to see when installation of the cameras can take place.
- 3) Vectren would like to move their meter station to an area on the SE corner of the walking trail. Vectren is asking for a 20X20 easement on park property to place this station. This station would replace the current one that sits across from the playground on Water St. With the removal of this station the town would assume ownership of this piece of property. In exchange for this property the town has committed to install a new sidewalk from Water St. the rear of the new restrooms as well as repair the damaged seawall around the pond. After some discussion, Aaron will be speaking with Vectren about reducing the size of the easement and alternate options for the fencing/aesthetics around the proposed station.
- 4) A donor has come forward through the South Madison Community Foundation with a proposal to fund a new splash pad to be placed in Falls Park. Aaron along with Tammy Bowman from the foundation had the opportunity to meet with the donor via Zoom to discuss their wishes as well as possible placement of a new splash pad. After some discussion it was decided that a plan needs to be established for the pool moving forward as well as a plan for the surrounding land. This will ultimately guide the location decision for the proposed splash pad.

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

The Register of Claims for October 2020. Motion made by Laretta Gray, 2nd by Ana Blake, approval by all. Members present did sign the November and December 2020 Register of Claims.

7:15 pm Meeting adjourned by President Bryan Williams.