

Pendleton Park Board Meeting Minutes

June 23, 2021

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Park Board President Bryan Williams. Additional board members present: Brian Slick, Laretta Gray and Steve Wills. Also present were Park Board attorney Bill Davisson, Park Director Aaron Burriss, Scott Davis, Preston Dixon, Bobbi Cline and Joe Noel.
- II. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve May 26, 2021 meeting minutes made by Laretta Gray, 2nd by Brian Slick. May meeting minutes were approved.
- III. Sahn's Smokehouse Update
 - a. No representation from Sahn's. No update.
- IV. Friends of Falls Park – Joe Noel
 - a. Heritage Fair 2021: With already 100+ vendors signed up for the fair there is a clear 20% increase over 2019. Vendors that are already signed up for the Farmer's Market will be allowed to move over to the Heritage Fair for that weekend if they pay the difference between the fair fee and what they've already paid for the market and they must commit to being present both days of the fair. Laretta Gray asked if there is a limit on vendors and Joe Noel says yes but not until at least 150 because they can use as much space as they need.
 - b. Farmer's Market: Things are going really good; Joe Noel would like permission to use the large shelter in cases of bad weather. Aaron Burriss agrees as long as it is not already occupied.
 - c. Finances: Friends of Falls Park has applied for a grant from the South Madison Community Foundation. They have asked for \$3400 and will use the money, if granted, for promotion, safety items such as signage and new Christmas decorations for the park. Friends of Falls Park currently has about \$10000 that it would like to use on a project for the park; something that they can put their name. Steve Wills suggested work on the Butterfly Garden near the Log Cabin.
- V. Log Cabin – Aaron Burriss
 - a. Topsoil should be delivered in about one week. Grading and seeding will follow that and if everything goes right the cabin should be ready to rent out by about September.
- VI. Public
 - a. Parkfest 2021: Parkfest 2021 is a fundraiser put on by Lisa Floyd, Coco Bill and Carol Hanna to raise money and thank the park. A concert will be held on September 9 from 7pm to 8:30pm on the Barnhart fields. Stella Luna will perform, and tickets will be sold online in advance for \$15 each. This will be a bring your own event: bring your own food, drink, chairs, etc. Hopefully this will be the first of many benefit concerts. The ladies have already spoken with the town and the park and will continue working with them. Joe Noel says that the port-o-potties that will be used for the Heritage Fair will be made available for the concert as well. Rain date September 12, 2021.

VII. Golf Course – Scott Davis

- a. May turned out really good and June is set to exceed May.
- b. The junior clinic was well attended with 24 kids.
- c. The new water system has been installed and is working properly.
- d. POS system Lightspeed is now running as hoped. This will help with online booking, payment and even offer gift cards.
- e. The golf course is up \$46,000 over last year and is on pace to clear \$500,000.

VIII. Pool – Preston Dixon

- a. Despite the bad weather the season is off to a good start. There have been behavior issues among both the adult and children attendees. Pendleton PD has been making their presence more known in the area so hopefully this will help.
- b. Bill Davisson – Pool employees trained with the firefighters and were impressive with their knowledge and skill. There has only been one incident of major injury and that was to a foot; handled nicely.
- c. Pool committee needs to schedule a meeting for July.

IX. 4th at the Falls

- a. Main Street Pendleton is going to put on their annual 4th @ The Falls but it will be scaled back. There will not be a parade and only a few vendors. Fireworks are scheduled to go off from the Sports Complex at 10pm.

X. Finance Committee – Aaron Burriss

- a. Bond scenario provided by Krohn & Associates handed out. The scenario shows that while we cap at 2% debt limit our AV has risen on average 8% per year over the previous 3 years. Meaning our capacity has risen. By obtaining a new bond we would be replacing the old with the new which would show no fluctuation to the taxpayers. If we bond now, we can potentially do so for \$2.2 million which will equal about \$1.9 million in spendable funds. Timing is very important in this decision as fees and holds are based off following billings so by bonding before November we can potentially recapture up to \$50k in fees. The bond process takes 6-8 weeks to complete so if we want to use the money for next years projects and have it ready in time for the spring construction bidding season we should move soon. That being said, if we bond now, we cannot do so again for 7-12 years. However, there are other options such as a lease rental bond that does not have the same caps and restrictions. Aaron Burriss will ask Jim from Krohn's to attend the August Park Board meeting so that he can answer questions.

XI. Director's Report – Aaron Burriss

- a. Playground – Aaron Burriss provided each member with a Design Proposal from Context Design. The total amount for the new playground is \$1.6 million. While we may be able to save money by doing things like landscaping in house Aaron stresses the need to use Context Design as they take the whole project from conception to opening and cover the technicalities that come with

a job of this type. Remaining monies from the 2018 bond could possibly be used for some of the up-front costs.

- b. The pool needs quite a bit of work. There is a possible \$150k donor but we need to look at other options as well. More frequent concerts, another bond, etc.
- c. The possibility of impact fees is progressing. There need to be a few more meetings before we take it to the August town meeting. The outlook at this point is \$900- \$1200 per new structure built. This could help pay for projects, trails and satellite parks.
- d. Mike Cannon has officially retired after 34 years of service to the park. An open house in his honor will be held at the Red Barn July 9, 2021 2pm – 6pm.
- e. The Water Street project should be wrapping up which will allow water back to our main restrooms which have been temporarily closed. We are hoping to have them back open within a week.

XII. Approval of Claims from May 2021

The Register of Claims for May 2021 was circulated. Motion made by Laretta Gray, 2nd by Brian Slick, approval by all. Members present did sign the May 2021 Register of Claims.

6:57 pm Meeting adjourned by President Bryan Williams.