

Pendleton Park Board Meeting Minutes

July 28, 2021

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Park Board President Bryan Williams. Additional board members present: Jennifer Roberts, Brian Slick, Laretta Gray, Joshua Ring, Ana Blake and Steve Wills. Also present were Park Board attorney Bill Davisson, Park Director Aaron Burris, Todd Miller, Donnie Meyer, Laurie Meyer, Scott Davis, Preston Dixon, Bobbi Cline and Joe Noel.
- II. Approval of Minutes
Motion to approve June 23, 2021 meeting minutes made by Jennifer Roberts, 2nd by Brian Slick. June meeting minutes were approved.
- III. Presentation of Donation
David Dodd and Kim Williams, on behalf of Madison County Federal Credit Union, presented Park Director Aaron Burris with a check for \$1000 as a donation to Falls Park.
- IV. Public - No Public.
- V. Sahn's Smokehouse Update - No representation from Sahn's. No update.
- VI. Friends of Falls Park – Joe Noel, Friends of Falls Park President
 - a. At the Friends of Falls Park meeting on July 8, 2021 the request for funding for tables and chairs for the Red Barn was approved. The park will be responsible for doing the ordering.
 - b. Unfortunately, the Friends were rained out on their July workday so will revisit the Butterfly Garden project another time as needed.
 - c. ParkFest 2021- Everyone is looking forward to ParkFest 2021. The Friends have taken the event under their umbrella and will help provide insurance.
 - d. South Madison Community Foundation Grant – Funds from the grant have come in and total \$3100. The Friends will use the money for promotional items as well as safety items such as signage.
 - e. Farmer's Market – Everything is going well. There are more than enough vendors with more in line for next year.
- VII. Sports Complex – Todd Miller, Sports Complex Director
 - a. Junior Football has begun with a turnout of over 500 kids.
 - b. The building is 90% complete. Still needing to be done is the lighting, security and landscaping.
 - c. New goal posts are scheduled to be put in Monday August 2, 2021.
 - d. Co-Ed Softball is starting with 16 teams. So many teams wanted to be involved that we will be looking at adding more nights next year.
 - e. Tournament Season is done, and compliments were received on how well things were ran and the niceness of the Sports Complex. There is talk of bringing in several more tournaments next year.

- f. Todd is meeting with the marketing representative at Community Hospital to lock in their sponsorship for the year.
- g. PHHS Softball wants to do a tournament September 8-12, 2021. They have been given permission.
- h. While the monthly financials show zero income from Sports Complex that is not true. As of the date of July's meeting the Sports Complex income had been lumped in with the Park's. This will be changed moving forward.

VIII. Golf Course – Scott Davis, Golf Course Director

- a. Everything is in good shape. June was a little less than hoped for but still up from previous years.
- b. Scott is looking for ideas on how to improve the putting surfaces.
- c. Golf outings have the potential to be big business for the Golf Course but right now there is no pavilion to host them in. Sahm's is not cooperating as much as originally thought/hoped. By adding an outdoor pavilion to the Golf Course, we can maximize outing potential and draw more business to the Golf Course. Something to seriously consider.

IX. Pool – Preston Dixon, Pool Manager

- a. July was much better, weather wise, than June for the pool. Behavior overall with the patrons seemed to take a turn for the better also.
- b. The last day for the pool to be open is August 1, 2021. Teardown will begin August 2, 2021.
- c. The Board thanks Preston Dixon for his service, he did a great job managing the pool this season.

X. New Business – None

XI. Old Business –

- a. ParkFest – The town has put in the necessary power structure for both the concert and future use. There has been no word on whether alcohol will be allowed at the concert or not.

XII. Finance – Aaron Burriss, Park Director

- a. While the reports make it a little difficult to tell, the Sports Complex is bringing in money. Because of Covid comparisons with last year are rough, at best. However, this year has been great, and the future looks even better with groups already asking about the use of the complex for next year.
- b. Raising the rates at the Golf Course needs to be considered for the near future.
- c. Keep in mind, as the schools grow so will the park's income.

XIII. Maintenance – Donnie Meyer, Director of Maintenance

- a. Overall, everything is going well. Weed control is an ongoing issue but nothing new.
- b. There have been several snakes seen around the creek. DNR has assured us that we do not have poisonous snakes in the park so we will not be doing anything about them.

- c. Trees will be removed from the creek to ensure better flow.
- d. There have been several maintenance issues with the pool this season that will have to be addressed. Including a possible small leak under the pool.

XIV. Director's Report – Aaron Burriss, Park Director

- a. Trailer Park purchase – The trailer park across the street from Falls Park has come up for sale. It is 2.2 acres with an asking price of \$187,000. Upon hearing of the sale, Aaron immediately contacted the town to find out what can be done. Working with Chet Babbit and Scott Reske it has been decided that the town will purchase the land and then turn it over to the park using Redevelopment Commission Funds. Currently, the park is waiting on 2 independent appraisals before moving forward.
- b. Security cameras are still not installed. Company claims hardship for getting components. Should be installed the week of August 9, 2021.
- c. The Log Cabin is still waiting on topsoil and seeding. Hoping to have that done soon.
- d. Water Street – The work has moved out of the park and the water to the park is back on.
- e. Charlene's Corner is being redone with stamped concrete and an updated look. This is the walking gateway to the park and needs to be kept as nice as possible.
- f. The disc golf area around the Conservation Building needs work. Aaron met with the Anderson Disc Golf Club about the best way to update the course. They will meet again in a week to discuss making the course more user friendly and possibly hosting tournaments which could bring in money for the park as they do tend to be popular events.
- g. The tennis courts by the Conservation Building are being considered for a remodel and possibly being turned into pickleball courts as that is in demand right now. Josh Ring asks if that will be competing with the new Community Health Club, but Aaron pointed out that the Community Health Club does not have outdoor courts. Steve Wills wants to know if that is really the best place for pickleball. Aaron affirms that it really is the best location with good parking and out of the way of the bigger group sports. Jennifer agrees that it is nice to have the pool, disc golf and courts in one area.
- h. Impact fee – Scheduling has been a challenge. There needs to be a meeting of the majority before things can go before the council. Aaron is hopeful that the obstacles will be overcome, and the recommendation can be made to the council at September's meeting.
- i. Josh Ring asked about the plans for the woods near the Park Office. Aaron responded that the ideal situation would be to return them to their natural state. However, with parking being such an issue for soccer and other big events the woods are being considered for a parking lot. Laretta Gray and Steve Wills encourages the Board and Director to really reconsider tearing out the woods to put in parking.

XV. Approval of Claims from June 2021

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

6:50 pm Meeting adjourned by President Bryan Williams.