

CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
PARK BOARD MEETING
Rock Island Fitness & Activity Center
4303 24th Street, Room 3
Rock Island IL 61201

1/15/19 – Minutes

1. Call to Order

President Fred Dasso called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

2. Attendance

Members Present: Fred Dasso, Bill Anderson, John McEvoy, Don Deleu, Moses Robinson

Members Absent: Kate Hotle

Staff Present: John Gripp, Parks Director; Kimberly Kruse, Parks Administrative Office Manger; Todd Winter, Assistant Director; Nikki Carr, Community Recreation Manager

Staff Absent: none

Audience: none

3. Mr. Anderson moved to go to Item 11A. Mr. Deleu seconded. All voted yes.

Nikki Carr, Community Recreation Manager, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the status of programming in her area of the department. There has been a focus on partnerships for the camps and some events that help been very helpful. Girl Scouts and Junior Achievement have been a great team for Adventure Camp at Lincoln Park. Moline Parks and Recreation partner with us for the dad/daughter date nights and mother/son dances. QC Botanical Center was new for 2018 with the Fairy Frolic and resulted in boosting their attendance tremendously. The scholarship programs have gone on to allow many participants to enroll in our programs. This will generate lifetime users over time by providing opportunities that would have otherwise been lost to this demographic. A pilot program for this spring is the Community Park Clean Up Days. It is in the Winter/Spring 2019 Activity Guide and opens to the public to helping our horticulturist and with simple tasks. Finally, Nikki and Dan are working to bring back the Movie in the Park nights but are working on the best location to hold this type of event. At this time, Lincoln Park seems the most ideal.

4. Minutes of the December meeting.

Mr. McEvoy moved to approve the Minutes as printed; Mr. Anderson seconded. All voted yes.

5. Correspondence

There was no correspondence this month.

6. Monthly Report from Finance Department as of November.

All Enterprise funds are in the black. Golf and memberships were down but programming was up. Due to smart financial choices on expenditures, the facilities will still show a profit.

November Financials were reported to the board with a summary explanation of changes and discrepancies. There is a two month lag that will ensure that all revenues and expenditures are reported to give a more accurate look at the department financially.

7. Approval of the Bills for the Month of December: \$64,581.80

Mr. McEvoy moved to approve the bills for the Month of November in the amount of \$64,581.80. Mr. Anderson seconded. All voted yes.

8. Director's Report and other reports

Parks was awarded the Hard Hat Award for work at Douglas Park. The liquor license is in the works for Douglas Park as well to be ready in the spring for concessions. A presentation was given to the Carver Foundation that could be very beneficial to further funding for Douglas Park. John, Todd and Dan will be going to Springfield next Tuesday to give a presentation for the OSLAD Grant. They will have three minutes to present their idea to secure funding for the grant. This would provide \$300,000 and would finish phase 2 of the park renovation. Parks mowing contracts are being put together to go out to bid and will be out hopefully by end of January. Hauberg has the green light to work with IMEG. The Director met with QC Botanical Center at the Carriage House for upcoming projects. City council has approved the golf maintenance equipment agreement for financing.

The Assistant Director finished the Annual Report and passed out a highlights sheet for 2018. December had very positive community engagement. There was the milk handouts at the church and also served lunch at a local shelter. Indoor golf has started at RIFAC.

A previous office space has been transformed into a teen room at RIFAC. This is to provide a space for those that are too old for the jungle room and not quite old

enough to be in the workout room. This has helped cut down issues when it was tested out over winter break. During the winter time, there will be a dedicated maintenance worker from Public Works. We are excited to have Kevin Horton on hand and it has already made a great improvement ensuring equipment is working and checking on chemicals and a variety other daily tasks necessary at RIFAC. John Wilde has donated \$1,000 to replace two drinking fountains. This is greatly appreciated as they are two that are quite outdated.

Ryan and Todd met with the police to put in security cameras at Whitewater Junction and eventually have them tied to the police for additional security.

The golf maintenance finance agreement has been approved by city council. It was awarded to Toro and financed through BMO. Buying the equipment will allow for better quality and can trade out items over time. There will be a savings in fuel, repairs and auto supplies. Application for a pollinator grant is in with the help of an Eagle Scout nominee for his project. Managers are also working Augustana on a tree management program.

The partnership with QC Storm and RIFAC is going well. They were given memberships to their players in exchange for sponsorships and mentions at the games. Billboards are up for RIFAC. Surveys are out to golfers. Basketball is underway and doing well. Kara is the new sports intern. Interns are paid a weekly stipend and will mainly come from Western. There is a lot of construction going on at Douglas and work is being done on the ADA walkways. Concessions and press box are completed.

9. Special Event Request: Rocha Wedding

Mr. Anderson motioned to approve staff recommendation for the event. Mr. Robinson seconded. All said yes.

10. Special Event Request: Myers Wedding

Mr. Robinson motioned to approve staff recommendation for the event. Mr. McEvoy seconded. All said yes.

11. Special Event Request: Bradley Wedding

Mr. Robinson motioned to approve staff recommendation for the event. Mr. Anderson seconded. All said yes.

12. Todd Winter: Action Plan 2019

Todd and John presented a slideshow along with handouts about the future of Rock Island Parks and Recreation through the Action Plan. There was a motion to

support and approve this plan by Mr. Anderson. Mr. Robinson seconded. All voted yes.

13. Old Business: NFL Update

April 27th will be the NFL Draft date to be held in Rock Island at Augustana College at the Ken Anderson Center. The times are to be determined but a number of activities are in the works of being coordinated.

Mr. Anderson motioned to adjourn. Mr. Mr. Robinson seconded. All voted yes.

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm.

Kimberly B Kruse,
Parks & Recreation
Admin Office Manager