

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

3/19/19 – Minutes

1. Call to Order

President Fred Dasso called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

2. Attendance

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

Members Absent: John McEvoy, Kate Hotle

Staff Present: Kimberly Kruse, Parks Administrative Office Manger; Todd Winter, Assistant Director

Staff Absent: John Gripp, Parks Director

Audience: Leah Crandell, Mia Gerace, Matt Allen all students of Augustana for observation

Fred asked the students intent today. They are from Augustana asking questions about some of the things going on with parks to put together a story for WVIK news.

3. Minutes of the February meeting.

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

4. Correspondence

Thank you from Rock Island Library Foundation for a donation to their Food for Thoughts Silent Auction.

5. Monthly Report from Finance Department as of January.

January numbers are down but that is because it is the beginning of the year. They will improve as the season gets underway.

January 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.

6. Approval of the Bills for the Month of February: \$72,734.19

Mr. McEvoy moved to approve the bills for the Month of February in the amount of \$72,734.19. Mr. Anderson seconded. All voted yes.

7. Director's Report and other reports

The Executive Director attended a dinner event where Douglas Park received an award for the improvements going on there. Many things are in effect continuing into 2019. Staff and the Director served lunch at Christian Care.

The Assistant Director is happy to report that the preschool program is expanding to offering all day services. There will be an open house at the beginning of April to reveal the change. This Saturday and the next there will be people coming from the probation office to help around the golf courses to do cleaning at the clubhouse, pull balls from tall weeds, fill holes and other tasks to get them ready to open.

RIFAC has expanded the birthday party rentals to include packages and themes to be more attractive. This has gone over well and they are starting to pick up. Whitewater Junction repairs and preparations are under way to get ready for the summer season. Hiring is under way as well. The Sweat Equity Card campaign went very well and resulted in over 150 cards to be turned in to be redeemed for a free class, round of golf or family day pass to Whitewater Junction.

Golf Maintenance is doing all the preparations to get the courses open. Golf supplies are ordered and maintenance is in progress of all equipment. The new equipment will be delivered next week. The agreement will have one final approval from the council but it will be good to go.

The Dad/daughter dance night was a huge success with 338 participants. This was a partnership with the Moline Parks and Recreation and has been very successful. The Community Recreation Manager has met with several organizations to build the First Tee program including Spring Forward, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and Rock Island Probation.

The Special Events and Fundraising Manager secured full funding through sponsorships for Movie in the Park. This will be two movies at Longview Park to try it out. There are two Egg Hunts planned for this year. One will be at Lincoln like normal and the other will be an underwater Egg Hunt at RIFAC.

Coaches meetings are this week for soccer and jamboree is planned at the Campbell Sports Complex this weekend. The parents and kids will get their

uniforms and be able to meet their coach. There are a little over 300 kids in the program this year.

The Sports Turf Maintenance Manager has been focusing heavily on Douglas Park. Dirt is being moved from the park to the Complex to fill in some spots needed. Fencing has been removed in spots. The concession stand will not be ready until about May due to weather temperatures for the paint but it is coming along nicely.

There will be a pilot program to have the police monitor Douglas Park directly to address any security concerns. There is also some discussion as to possibly getting security cameras at Whitewater Junction and Douglas Park.

Bids were awarded for mowing contracts. There will be two contracts to cover a majority of the parks to allow parks staff to focus on maintenance and repairs of park locations rather than chasing grass in the warm months. These are Kymbyl Komplete Kare Inc. and HMS.

8. Special Event Request: New Hope Church

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

9. Special Event Request: Rotary Ramble 5K

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

10. Special Event Request: Woolley-Klaus Wedding

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

11. Special Event Request: Woodall-Howes Wedding

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

12. 2019 Action Plan Point #2

Todd gave a presentation on the #2 point of the Action Plan for Parks, Developing Capital Improvements. Meetings are going well with Public Works and areas are identified in priority to get upgraded or repaired.

13. Augustana Economic Impact Study

Augustana College is going to do an economic study to see how our programs translate into dollars for the city and quad cities economy.

14. Flood Press Release

Press release is out for the impending flood and potentially closed areas. Schwiebert Park temporary walls are in Ben Williamson and portions of Sunset are closed.

15. Golf Course Opening

There is no set date yet because the frost is still at 8" down but tentatively Highland and Saukie will be fully operational next week. We will open when it is best for the turf to ensure the best quality all year long.

16. Kiwanis and Grant Update

There are two grants out for potentially funding with the \$25,000 receiving from Kiwanis. Either one will give the ability to make repairs to the Kiwanis Bike Trail and the Great River Trail.

17. NFL Draft Update

Event is planned and are now just waiting on the time specifics from the NFL and the do's and do not's of the media advertising. Times should be coming soon.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Kimberly B Kruse,
Parks & Recreation
Admin Office Manager