

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

4/16/19 – Minutes

1. Call to Order

President Fred Dasso called the meeting to order at 5:29 pm.

2. Attendance

Members Present: Fred Dasso, Bill Anderson, Kate Hotle, Moses Robinson

Members Absent: Don Deleu

Staff Present: John Gripp, Parks Director; Kimberly Kruse, Parks Administrative Office Manger

Staff Absent: Todd Winter, Assistant Director

Audience: None

3. Minutes of the February meeting.

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

4. Correspondence

Thank you from Christ the King Believers Together Center.

5. Monthly Report from Finance Department as of January.

February will still show some negative balances as a majority of facilities are still closed for the season. However, supplies are being purchased to better plan. RIFAC is doing well. The Sports Complex and golf courses are off to a good start.

February 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 March: \$71,539.11

Mr. Robinson moved to approve the bills for the Month of March in the amount of \$71,539.11. Mr. Anderson seconded. All voted yes.

7. Director's Report and other reports

The NFL Draft event kept everyone very busy. VIP invites were sent out. Event will be held at the Ken Anderson Center at Augustana. There are still plenty of details to work through and it has been a challenge to follow NFL guidelines while also keeping everyone happy but it will be a great event. The Rock Island Independents vintage football team is very excited to be involved. Staff has done an excellent job juggling personalities.

Budget meetings are set and will be underway in May. A new roof will be put on the firehouse at Douglas to prevent further damage. It will be funded from the DECO. Douglas Park work is underway for renovations. On May 8th, there is a Rock Island Showdown at the park. The Director is working with Inspections for the Douglas pump house. Hauberg bids came back and Tri-City seems to be the winner for the electrical work. Sunset Park is flooding and will take a while to clean up once the waters recede. This marked a new record as the highest flood in Quad Cities history.

The Assistant Director met with the police and would like to consider tying into their security monitoring for quicker response and assessment time. Preschool is expanding to full day for the fall and is doing well so far. Indoor golf lessons wrapped up and will be outdoors at Highland Springs. The golf courses are working with reformed people with Rock Island County Justice Department to get hours in to get the courses ready to open. Golf Courses opened March 23rd.

Ryan Ballard is a Water Safety Instructor now so able to attract, train and hire lifeguards. Community Services hours were used to clean the workout areas. There was a Sharp Shoot Out racquetball tournament for Dan Sharp. Whitewater Junction preparations are in full swing.

Golf course cleanup continues and equipment has been maintained. New equipment is here to utilize. All chemicals have been applied. Irrigation has been repaired as needed and ready. Aeration will be done at the end of the month. Bunker work and pathways are being evaluated for repairs.

The Underwater Egg Hunt was a big success. The NFL Draft preparations are under way and ready for a great event! The park cleanup days have gone well. Lincoln Park had a filled roll off dumpster. Parks has received grants to do the bike path and Kiwanis path at Sunset Park. Soccer registrations are going very well. Sports camps have done well too.

Douglas Park signage is underway. Plants are going well to put out for the calendar and landscaping.

8. Summer Staff Uniform Printing Bid Recommendation

Mr. McEvoy motioned to approve staff recommendation for summer staff uniforms. Mr. Anderson seconded. All voted yes.

9. Special Event Request: Big River Brass Band

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

10. Special Event Request: Apple Wedding

Mr. McEvoy motioned to approve staff recommendation for the event. Mrs. Hotle seconded. All voted yes.

11. Special Event Request: Edgington Wedding

No approval needed only making aware of the event.

12. Special Event Request: A Day of Unity

The event is a non-denominational gathering. Mrs. Hotle motioned to approve the staff recommendation for the event. Mr. Robinson seconded. All voted yes.

13. Friends of Hauberg part time position

In the operational agreement, it is required to have one part time position funded by parks and recreation. However, it put both organizations in an awkward position when the employee reports to parks but is located at Hauberg where the direction of the director is often given. Therefore, staff recommends that the funds for one position are transferred to Friends of Hauberg to allow them find someone of their choosing to fill the position and be in charge of them. Mr. Anderson motioned to approve, Mrs. Hotle seconded. All voted yes.

14. Lincoln Park Sport Court Discussion

The City Manager would like to ask the opinion of the park board on allowing a citizen to purchase a small piece of Lincoln Park that is inaccessible to the public and a non-beneficial piece the park aesthetic. Mrs. Hotle moved to allow the director to work with the city manager to sell the portion of property in question with the proceeds going back to the department. Mr. Anderson seconded. All voted yes.

Mr. Anderson motioned to adjourn. Mrs. Hotle seconded. All voted yes.

The meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm.

Kimberly B Kruse,
Parks & Recreation
Admin Office Manager