

CITY OF ROCK ISLAND  
PARK BOARD MEETING  
RIFAC Room 3  
Rock Island IL 61201

4/20/21– 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, Moses Robinson, Mike Foley, John McEvoy

Members Absent: Kate Hotle

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

Staff Absent: John Gripp, Executive Director

Audience: Gene Hast, Backwater Gamblers

3. Move to Item 11A: Backwater Gamblers Presentation

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

Mr. Gene Hast gave a presentation along with a handout that is available upon request.

4. March Park Board Minutes

Mr. McEvoy motion to approve the minutes as written; Mr. Anderson seconded. All voted yes.

5. Thank you's from Project Now was recognized.

6. Monthly Report from Finance Department as of February

Revenues have not been received yet for the first tax payments from county. Seasonal facilities are gearing up and revenues will be start to be seen over the next few months. RIFAC is doing very well. People are starting to return and programming is picking up again.

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 March for \$120,824.34.

Mr. Dasso: Aye Mr. Foley: Aye Mr. McEvoy: Aye Mr. Robinson: Aye  
Ms. Hotle: Absent Mr. Anderson: Aye

8. Director's Report and other reports

The Summer Activity Guide is out. It is no longer printed and mailed to everyone as it is a living document now on the city website. A few copies are printed for reference. Restrooms and water are open at all parks now. Whitewater Junction prep is underway. Public Works as hired a new municipal assistant. Douglas electrical projects are going to have fundraising done to cover the remainder. The bathroom is about done. Grass is coming in nicely. Activities should be underway there in the fall.

Golf Courses opened on March 29<sup>th</sup>. There are several leagues and tournaments planned. Maintenance will have top dressing delivered. They have the machine to do deep tine aeration. There will be little disruption to play. The courses look great.

RIFAC memberships report for March were 42 new members, 63 ECP (monthly renewals) and 20 cancellations mainly due to being frustrated with the mask requirement. There are over 8,000 scans in the month of March to the facility.

Whitewater Junction is planning to be able to do a full open however contingencies are in place should the state guidelines change. Ryan is doing lifeguard training and planning with staff and the facility. New for this year will be cabanas.

The indoor kayak class at RIFAC is going very well. There were several egg hunt activities from the underwater egg hunt at RIFAC to the deliveries and the Easter Bunny to the annual egg hunt at Lincoln Park. Soccer and baseball have started. The Complex is staying very busy.

The Sports Maintenance is doing an amazing job with the grass in the fields. Marc is almost done with Webber. There was also a raised veggie garden put in for preschool by the playground. A controlled burn was done at Highland Springs.

9. New Business

Special Event Application: Heritage Church

Staff recommends approval of the Heritage Church event. It will be a picnic with music and a service. Mr. Anderson motioned. Mr. Robinson seconded. All voted yes.

Special Event Application: Juneteenth Celebration

Staff recommends approval of the Juneteenth Celebration event at the Lincoln Park Bandshell. Mr. Robinson motioned. Mr. McEvoy seconded. All voted yes.

Special Event Application: Ballet Folklorico Summer Showcase

Staff recommends approval of the Ballet Folklorico Summer Showcase at the Schwiebert Main Stage. Mr. Robinson motioned. Mr. Foley seconded. All voted yes.

Special Event Application: Mopar

Staff recommends approval of the Mopars event at Sunset Park with food and amplified sound. Mr. Anderson motioned. Mr. Robinson seconded. All voted yes.

10. Old Business

First Tee Presentation was given to City Council. It is available per request.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Anderson. Mr. Robinson seconded. All voted yes.

The meeting adjourned at 6:19 pm.

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Kimberly B Kruse,  
Parks & Recreation  
Admin Office Manager