

CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
PARK BOARD MEETING
RIFAC Room 5
Rock Island IL 61201

7/19/22– 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, Mike Foley, John McEvoy, Paul Hansen

Members Absent: Venessa Taylor

Staff Present: John Gripp, Executive Director; Todd Winter, Assistant Director; Kimberly Kruse, Parks Administrative Office Manager; Pete Peña, Sports Recreation Manager; Lexi Shields, Sports Intern

Staff Absent: none

Audience: none

3. Motion to move 11a. Mr. Anderson motioned. Mr. Foley seconded. All voted yes.

Pete gave a presentation on the sports program. In 2019, the sports intern program was started. The intern, Lexi, spoke a little about themselves and what they've learned while with the parks. The presentation is available upon request.

4. June Park Board Minutes

Mr. McEvoy motioned to approve the minutes as amended; Mr. Foley seconded. All voted yes.

5. Thank you's from the Royal Ball Run were recognized.

6. Monthly Report from Finance Department as of May

Slowly building back funds from the pandemic. Golf is slightly down but a double payment had come out for the golf carts. Memberships are significantly up. Rentals are slightly down. RIFAC is rebuilding from Covid-19. Mr. Anderson asked about the deficit. There are several revenues that are received after this time frame as we run on primarily on seasonal facilities.

7. Approval of the Bills for the Month of June \$296,256.14

Mr. Dasso: Aye Mr. Foley: Aye Mr. McEvoy: Aye Ms. Taylor: Abs Mr. Hansen: Aye Mr. Anderson: Aye

8. Director's Report and other reports

RIFAC shutdown was at the end of July. The fitness rooms will remain open during this time. The gym floors will be redone as well as Room 7. The pool was emptied and maintenance along with cleaning done. The Highland Clubhouse ground breaking happened. Ryan Berger gave a \$25,000 donation. The Deere Foundation has also donated \$25,000 towards it. There is a hope to make up the minimum wage as well as offset other increasing expenses with the budget. A walk through all the parks was done with Todd and Public Works to make a list of projects. The Activity Guide for fall is in progress.

Drive, Chip and Putt went well. Jeff LaRue organized and taught for this event. The concrete footings are in at the Highland Springs Clubhouse. High School and College seasons are starting up soon. Thursday 60+ golf outing coming up. The couples outing went well with 48 couples last Friday. The white circular benches have been repaired at Longview Park. Mike Foley asked if Jeff LaRue is a PGA pro. He is a PGA certified teacher.

RIFAC shutdown is next week. The grates will be replaced in the pool, tank and the pool will be getting pressure washed. The bleachers in the pool area will be replaced as well. The gym floors will be resurfaced. Whitewater Junction is winding down and will soon be weekends only before closing for the season on Labor Day. The staff/sponsor/volunteers picnic at Whitewater Junction will be July 27th. Spring Forward is hosting a large pool rental.

The #15 at Saukie is being filled in and ready to be seeded. Road to 92 has a bit of construction and they are dumping dirt that can be used to fill areas at Highland Springs. There's been quite a bit of hand watering. The Public Works crew helped with the cart path repairs.

Adventure Camp has been split into two age groups due to the rising number of attendees. This allows for better engagement and pleasant experience and keeps activities age appropriate. There will be a two week extension for non RIMH students. August 19th was the rescheduled family night event. Preschool will be starting with a newly added third room. Red White and Boom went very well with a large crowd. Starlight Review is tonight and will soon be going to Thursday Night Grooves. Last weekend was Chalk Art Fest. They hired a pressure washing company to get up all the chalk residue. This weekend is Dawn & On. Sports programming has been going very well.

Marc and Dave are chasing grass. David is doing a lot of maintenance at the Complex. The Downtown beds and planters are being well maintained by Marc and his crew.

9. New Business

First Tee Agreement – Mr. Anderson motions to approve the First Tee Agreement with minor adjustments advised by our attorney. This is a 10 year agreement that gives first priority to the Clubhouse usage. This will not mean that First Tee is a legal partner of the facility. First Tee will pay Parks \$50,000 for six years. Mr. McEvoy seconded. All voted yes.

Special Event Application for Leaders of Tomorrow – Staff recommends approval as written. Mr. McEvoy motioned. Mr. Foley seconded. All voted yes.

Special Event Application for Library in the Park – Staff recommends approval to have a small food truck and waiving fee. Mr. Foley motioned. Mr. McEvoy seconded. All voted yes.

10. Other Business

Carriage House renovations are underway. \$100,000 funds out of HUD, \$100,000 out of Friends of Hauberg Civic Center, and an ask of \$100,000 from ARPA funds has been made to make this project possible.

The department is waiting on the survey to finish before funds will be released for the ARPA funds. There is an ask to release the funds in increments.

11. Items Not on the Agenda

Mr. Anderson asked about the ice skating rink possibility at Longview Park. It is not feasible to renovate at this time.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Kimberly B Kruse,
Parks & Recreation
Admin Office Manager