

CITY OF ROCK ISLAND  
PARK BOARD MEETING  
Highland Springs Golf Course  
Rock Island IL 61201

10/18/22– 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, Venessa Taylor (virtual)

Members Absent: none

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

Staff Absent: none

Audience: none

3. Motion to move 11A. Mr. Anderson motioned. Mr. Hansen seconded. All voted yes.

Nikki Carr spoke about the revamped scholarship program to get the word out. Within the past year, \$13,000 was used towards youth programs. This was used for day camps, swim lessons, sports and sports camps. The word got spread better through utilizing partnerships such as Spring Forward and the schools. Mr. McEvoy asked how this was being marketed. It is mainly through changing the wording up from scholarship to financial assistance.

4. September Park Board Minutes

Mr. Foley motioned to approve the minutes; Mr. Anderson seconded. All voted yes.

5. Thank yous from QC 76ers, Sexton Ford, RI County Children's Advocacy Center were recognized.

6. Monthly Report from Finance Department as of August

At the end of August, golf was down but memberships, programs and rentals were all up. The clubhouse is underway with revenue and expenditures showing large amounts. There are still a little over \$1mil in tax dollars to be received from property tax and transfers. Schwiebert Park will be made net zero through a transfer from General Fund. The Parks department generate money for the city outside of the

budget by bringing in people to Rock Island to participate in events and programs contributing to the local economy.

7. Approval of the Bills for the Month of September: \$401,942.91

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

8. Director's Report and other reports

ARPA plan has been adopted by council. There were several projects submitted for Parks projects. RIFAC renovations, Hauberg Carriage Haus, Douglas Park lights, Mel McKay pickleball courts, Denkmann Park and funds to go towards the Highland Springs Clubhouse. Nathaniel Hinz came through and job shadowed to learn the roles of the director and functions of the department. Evaluations have been caught up. A Little League lunch was held and wanted to know why play wasn't done at Douglas Park and director explained. Old Horace Man is being used for this.

The Highland Spring Clubhouse construction continues. The septic field and storm drain are in along with windows and doors at the end of the month. A new Preschool Director has been hired. The preschool rooms have been expanded to three classrooms which now requires a director position.

RIFAC has now expanded lap times and swim lessons. September had over 7,000 scans. 32 new members were gained. The Rock Island High School swim team is using the pool while theirs is being repaired.

The cross country meet went well at Saukie. Bunker projects and adding some mounds are under way at both golf courses. They are getting ready to blow out the irrigation. Mr. McEvoy mentioned that Tanner is doing a great job keeping the leaves blown off the course at Saukie. RFP prep is being done for new equipment.

Fall maintenance projects being done. Asphalt repairs and irrigation repairs. Blackhawk trades have finished the areas to keep materials in at the maintenance space. Friends of Douglas Park put money towards concrete for the stands. Mowing is starting to slow down. The plant calendar is being brought in for the season. Prescribed burns are planned. New signs are up at Skafidas Park and Sunset Park entrances.

9. New Business

Special Event Request: Staff recommends approval of Trunk or Treat. Mr. McEvoy motioned. Mr. Anderson seconded. All voted yes.

10. Other Business

Hauberg Carriage Haus is coming along. The vestibule has the concrete taken out and it has been opened up for the first time in over 50 years. The bar is up and restrooms

are starting to be put in along with ADA work. A sinkhole was uncovered that is being repaired as well.

The Highland Springs Clubhouse construction is coming along. There have been several meetings to stay on top of any potential issues as well as making the final touch decisions.

11. Items Not on the Agenda

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Foley. Mr. Anderson. All voted yes.

The meeting adjourned at 6:08 pm.

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Kimberly B Kruse,  
Parks & Recreation  
Admin Office Manager