

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

5/21/24– Minutes

1. Call to Order

President Fred Dasso called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

2. Attendance

Members Present: Fred Dasso, Mike Foley, Paul Hansen, Bill Anderson, Venessa Taylor

Members Absent: John McEvoy

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

Staff Absent: none

Audience: Adriana Reyes, Dr. Chris Strunk, Ally Magsombol, Tom Sparkman

3. Move to Item 11A

Dr. Chris Strunk, Adriana Reyes and Ally Magsombol gave a presentation on their findings about Longview Park and the multiple surveys and discovery about the park that then discussed potential areas of concern and recommendations of improvements. Presentation is available upon request.

This plan will be used to apply for grants later this year. Thank you to the team

4. April Park Board Minutes

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

5. Correspondence

We have a thank yous from Moline Music Boosters, Christ the King Believers Together Community Center, Junior Board of Rock Island, and Friends of Hauberg were recognized.

6. Monthly Report from Finance Department as of March

Finances are through end of March. All areas are up in revenue. Tax support is supposed to hit soon.

7. Approval of the Bills for the Month of April for \$287,752.59

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

The Saukie Clubhouse project has been pushed back to the fall. This will help with logistics and lessen impact of course play. For the Family Fun Day this fall, upgrades to the power at MLK Park have been put in. This will also help to accommodate other larger events in the future. Pickleball lights at Mel McKay will go up. The Library, Parks and MLK are talking about putting back the digital sign on 18th and 24th to let the public know about upcoming events. Day of Caring did work at Sylvan, Hauberg and the Saukie Stone House. For the Saukie Stone House, antiques were kept but the rest cleaned out. Hodge Park received a grant for the ADA pathways. The BAAD Grant at Lake Potter has been finished for the docks. The RIFAC pool windows are completed and look great.

Golf is under way with several leagues and outings for the season.

Earlier this week met with US Fish and Wildlife. They are looking for a rare species of turtles that are believed to be in a particular part of Rock Island wetlands.

RIFAC will have yearly spruce up done that will be spread out over May and June. May 30th the building will be closed. May 24th thru June 2nd, floors will be stripped. The pool and whirlpool will be closed in August for maintenance and cleaning.

Golf Maintenance had deep tine for both courses for aeration. Some of the new equipment has been received. A gator for Saukie and a beverage cart for Highland Springs. Some grass carp have been added to the pond.

The Earth Day event for Day of Caring with the rain barrels went great. Whitewater Junction will have their soft opening on May 24th for members only. The liquor license is new for this year and will allow alcohol sales for the entire season. Youth sports and sports camps are underway. This programming has been modified to better serve the community of kids that may not want to join a travel team.

Chasing a lot of grass to keep it mowed and maintained. The spectator field area is coming along. The daily plant calendar at Longview Park has been put up a head of schedule. The annuals are going out and lots of mulching is getting done. The garden at preschool has been maintained and updated as well.

9. New Business

Special Event Application: Fleet Feet

5K Race ending at Whitewater Junction on August 2nd. Staff recommends approval. Mr. Foley motioned, Mr. Anderson seconded. All said yes.

Special Event Application: Mission Mighty Mississippi

US Coast Guard event on September 22nd. Staff recommends approval. Mr. Anderson motioned, Mr. Foley seconded. All said yes.

Mr. Foley moved to adjourn. Mr. Hansen seconded. All said yes. The meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm.

Kimberly B Kruse,
Parks & Recreation
Admin Office Manager