

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

6/18/24– 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, Venessa Taylor

Members Absent: John McEvoy, Bill Anderson

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

Staff Absent: none

Audience: none

3. May Park Board Minutes

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

4. Correspondence

We have a thank yous from Jordan Catholic School, Junior Achievement of the Heartland and Unity Point Health were recognized.

5. Monthly Report from Finance Department as of April

Finances are through end of April. The tax disbursement will be received in May. This will help offset Recreation, RIFAC and Parks maintenance areas.

6. Approval of the Bills for the Month of May for \$283,413.46

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

7. Director's Report and other reports

Friends of Douglas Park had their Rock Valley Showdown. People paid more than the ask and it was great to see the community want to see Douglas Park thrive. Pickleball Lighting was approved at council. Carriage House repairs continue. First Tee marketing

meeting looked at John Deere Classic activities. Friends of Longview Park met and discussed grant opportunities. A presentation was given to Kiwanis. City Hall is currently being remodeled. A walkthrough of the new layout was interesting. Council is being held in the county building next door and it is set up how the new council chambers will be done. Attended a press conference for the roundabout discussion on 92 Beltway. The Douglas Park ribbon cutting event went well. Thank you to the Park Board for cooking. The last of the ARPA projects are wrapping up with the lighting project.

Saukie Clubhouse, waiting on IMEG for final stamp on drawings and then RFPs for demo of the old clubhouse and then the construction of the new clubhouse. Hopefully will go out in the next week or so. Hosted over 10 outings between May and June. Last Friday, was a large outing and a live band. First Tee underway with several groups coming out to learn golf.

Fred made the comment of can't believe how many days are out of golf carts at Saukie due to high use.

Through May, just over 4100 members at RIFAC. Closed the gym and hallways to wax the floors. Whitewater Junction opened Memorial Day weekend with a slow weekend due to weather but going over overall. Hosted first Adult Swim of the season with over 300 people. Very popular so hosting every other week or so. Alcohol revenue is off to a good start. Preschool camp started first week of June and classes are already almost full for next school year.

Chris and Tanner have been aerifying greens more frequently to improve air circulation and putting surface. Received estimates for bunker repair work. Met with Mike Long to submit proposal for the putting green surface. Repair several irrigation leaks at both courses.

Day camps started first week of June. Split age groups up to two different parks to keep programming age appropriate. Several events at Schwiebert Park. Starlight Revue is underway. Sports camps and programs are going well.

Mowing and field preparations are underway and busy. Annuals are planted and beds have been mulched. The Longview Park disc golf course has been reconfigured to make it a more family friendly park and is already seeing increased play. The local club has been working with the chief horticulturist for these areas. The design is meant to be a shorter course and bring people to a historical space.

8. New Business

Special Event Application: Friends of Longview Park Fundraiser

Spirits in the Park on June 29th 7pm to 10pm with temporary liquor license. Staff recommends approval. Mr. Hansen motioned, Mr. Foley seconded. All said yes.

Special Event Application: Ready to Rock the School Year

Event is July 28th at Schwiebert Park with amplified sound. Staff recommends approval. Mr. Foley motioned, Mr. Hansen seconded. All said yes.

Special Event Application: Floatzilla

Event is August 17th at Sunset Park with Amplified Sound and making Sunset a one way for the event for traffic flow. Staff recommends approval. Mr. Foley motioned, Mr. Hansen seconded. All said yes.

Special Event Application: Race Against Racism

Event is September 28th on the bike path with amplified sound. Staff recommends approval. Mr. Foley motioned, Mr. Hansen seconded. All said yes.

Carriage House updates. Renovations to the apartment continue and application has been turned in to turn the upstairs into an AirBnB for a revenue source.

A Junior Board Grant has been awarded to go towards camps.

Mr. Foley moved to adjourn. Mr. Hansen seconded. All said yes. The meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Kimberly B Kruse,
Parks & Recreation
Admin Office Manager