

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

7/16/24– 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, John McEvoy, Bill Anderson

Members Absent: Paul Hansen, Venessa Taylor

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

Staff Absent: John Gripp, Executive Director

Audience: none

3. June Park Board Minutes

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

4. Correspondence

We have a thank you from Unity Point Health and Moline High School were recognized.

5. Monthly Report from Finance Department as of May

Finances are through May. The property tax is still not be reflected in the numbers. Whitewater Junction is looking light because it is not open yet at the time. Unofficial measures for golf are up at each course. Fees were increased at both courses. RIFAC is up through May with over \$30,000 compared to last year.

6. Approval of the Bills for the Month of June for \$318,799.55

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

7. Director's Report and other reports

RFP for the Saukie Clubhouse went out. One is for demo and the other for the new clubhouse. These are due July 31st. A drafting service was hired and then put out to

IMEG to stamp for bids. Timeline for construction is uncertain until bids come back. Friday is a walk thru with the contractor for the Saukie demo. On August 17th will be the two person memorial tournament for Pat Wille/Dewey Steele. First Tee sessions are full. Ladies clinics are full. Did not receive the Lowe's Hometown grant.

Preschool summer camp is already mostly over. Preschool will start soon and is mostly full. RIFAC had almost 10,000 scans and a little over 4,100 members. The pool will be emptied in August for general maintenance. Updates to the girls family locker room will be done. Whitewater Junction is over halfway through the season already. Adult swims are going well with another one this Friday.

Saukie lost a large tree at hole 6 in the storm last night. Irrigation leaks at both courses but are fixed now. This is due to the aging system and doing best to monitor them. Highland Springs is experimenting with a golf cut. The height of the cut is shorter this year. Lots of aeration, verticut and top dress.

Day camps are higher attendance this year. Pete, sports manager, is out with an injury. Managers are working to make sure all areas are covered in his absence and wish a quick recovery while he works from home. Starlight Revue has been canceled several times due to weather this year. Red White and Boom has been canceled and rescheduled to September 7th.

Sports Fields have an outfield fence now at Douglas Park and the concession stand is being painted. The disc golf course at Longview Park has been rerouted for a more family friendly course and play has increased significantly.

8. New Business

Special Event Application: HAPS Cruise into Sunset

Staff recommends approval. Mr. McEvoy motioned, Mr. Foley seconded. All said yes.

ARPA Update: Highland Springs Request

There are left over funds from a couple ARPA projects. A request is going to council to replace the shelter with a shade structure closer to the clubhouse and bunker work.

Multilingual Signage will be put up at Lake Potter warning about the swimming.

The Parks Foundation will be cooking for the Staff/Volunteers/City pool party on July 31st.

This is a public hearing for the OSLAD Grant Application for Longview Park. There was a comprehensive park improvement plan put together which includes permanent tee pads for disc golf, repairs to the lagoon and trail ways through the park. It will also include one amenity ask such as a playground or basketball court repair.

Mr. Anderson moved to adjourn. Mr. Foley seconded. All said yes. The meeting adjourned at 6:03 pm.

Kimberly B Kruse,
Parks & Recreation
Admin Office Manager