

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

10/15/24– 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, Paul Hansen, Bill Anderson

Members Absent: Venessa Taylor

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

Staff Absent: none

Audience: none

3. September Park Board Minutes

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

4. Correspondence

We have a thank you from LIVEFIT with LUPUS that was recognized.

5. Monthly Report from Finance Department as of August

Finances are thru end of August. Revenue appears down compared to last year. Last year funds were received for multiple projects through grant and other funding. Transfers are being seen to cover Schwiebert per an original agreement when the park was built.

6. Approval of the Bills for the Month of September for \$195,298.24

It is requested to figure how to get Labor Day Parade expenses listed separately as it currently looks like the Parks Department pays for the expense even though it is revenue supported by the city and sponsors.

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

7. Director's Report and other reports

Red White and Boom had the makeup date event. Attendance was down slightly but still several thousand in attendance to see the fireworks. John hosted the park directors meeting to talk about successes and challenges along with how to prevent scheduling conflicts between the various cities.

Mr. Hansen thanked Dan for booking consistent quality entertainment for the summer and fall concert series.

The Illinois Trails Grant and HUD funds were put towards Hodge Park and finished the crushed ag line and trail work. First Tee of the QC held their annual golf fundraiser and John and Todd participated. Genesius Guild was approved funds to go towards a structural engineer to look at preserving the facility at Lincoln Park. John sat in for the city manager at city council in September.

Made some minimal changes to the Saukie Clubhouse floor plans. The layout to the bathrooms and mechanical room had to be adjusted but the building is still roughly the same size. Excavation work is underway. The biggest goal is to get concrete poured by the end of the month. The next three Saturdays are cross country meets at Saukie. Food and beverage concessions will be down some due to less offerings while the clubhouse is being built. A new concrete pad was poured at Highland Springs for the shade structure. All but six of the bunkers were finished at Highland Springs. The ladies league raised money for the tee boxes. ARPA main projects are done. The remaining funds are being put towards Highland Springs and Saukie projects.

There is no report for RIFAC/Whitewater Junction this month. Nikki had a death in the family. Whitewater Junction has been winterized. RIFAC is holding steady and fall camps are going. RIFAC bond payments will be completed at the end of 2024.

Fall programming is ongoing and indoor programming is underway. The sports jamborees went great at Douglas Park.

Items have been started to be removed from the Campbell Sports Complex that are salvageable or of value. Many of the items are not up to code and will not be able to be reused. Soccer and football field maintenance underway. Soccer goals are being put in at Hauberg field. There is an abundant amount of play on all the fields when programs are not running.

The date calendar is done for the season. Marc is working with Todd to put up the shade structure at Highland Springs.

8. New Business

Motion to approve BFL Regional Fishing Championship event made by Mr. Anderson. Seconded by Mr. Foley. All said yes.

Motion to approve American Heart Association Heart Walk made by Mr. McEvoy. Seconded by Mr. Foley. All said yes.

There was a \$10,000 donation made by Dorothy Beck to work with electricians and door company to put in an ADA Pool Door Opener. This is an opportunity to add more ADA accessibility and compliance.

There is a new position that will be created called Community Recreation Manager. This is a reformed position that will focus on adaptive programming and continue to grow camps. The budget has been provided to the City Manager and HR Director for this position as it will be covered by the revenue made through having a dedicated position to focus on programs.

The downtown dog park was brought up as council meeting last night. Concerns about the high cost along with how it will be maintained was discussed.

Mr. Anderson moved to adjourn. Mr. Foley seconded. All said yes. The meeting adjourned at 5:58 pm.

Kimberly B Kruse,
Parks & Recreation
Admin Office Manager