

## **Minutes from February 26, 2024 Knox Parks and Recreation Board Meeting**

### **Attendance:**

Board Members Present: Autumn Ferch, Glenn Barnes, Gary Dulin, Nathan Bradley, Lora Estok and Ruth Bailey

Board Members Not Present:

Others Present: Bobby Trusty, Grant Fletcher, Jim Johnson, Billy Whitehead.

Amendments to Agenda for February 26, 2024

- None

Approval of Minutes from January 24, 2024.

- Motion to approve by Ruth and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary. All in favor.

### **Public Comment**

### **Financial Reports**

### **Old Business**

- Grant Purchase Update
  - Checkerboard tables were purchased, cornhole boards were purchased.
  - There is approximately \$2,000 remaining.
  - Gagaball was mentioned as an additional item they board wanted, but the board wants to look into how much it would cost to build it before purchasing one.
  - Motion made by Ruth to spend the remaining money on more rubber mulch.
    - Motion – Ruth. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Nathan. All in favor.
- 2024 Park Employee Update
  - Billy has decided to come back and work this summer. There is no need to discuss hiring an additional employee.
- 2023 End of Year Purchases – Mulch
  - At the end of 2023, 4 pallets of brown rubber mulch was purchased. Most of it has been used at Sandy Acres, but more is needed to complete Sandy Acres.
- 2024 Concession Stand Contract Approval
  - A section about who is responsible for the equipment has been added to the contract.
  - No one has any additions to the contract.
  - Motion to approve Contract made by Gary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nathan. All in favor.

Glenn Enters Meeting

Lora Enters Meeting

### **New Business**

- 2024 Park Program Event Update
  - Sports programs such as softball, volleyball, and summer baseball are all beginning.

- DNR Grant Projects
  - Projects the board would like to see included in a DNR grant for Wythogan Park include:
    - Field improvements – Fencing, outfield upgrades, dug outs, lighting.
  - Sledding hill – Pavilion at top of hill, multi use hill.
  - Permanent screen at stage, with sound and projector.
  - Purchase land across the highway.
  - Upgrade pickleball courts and skate park.
  - Playground improvements
  - New restrooms and storage building
  - Fishing pier
  - Dog park.

### **Director's Report**

- The river has been cleaned,
- Need to get a quote to review the limb.
- Field 4 – lights need changed. Request to move in the fence to make room for field 5 so it can be used for more games.
  - Problem is there are not any lights on field 5.
  - Moving it could interfere with future plans for a sledding hill.
  - The board would prefer waiting to do anything with those fields until the DNR grant is further discussed and how the hill will be constructed.
- Bobby wants to know when they should start working.
  - On nice days they have been working to get caught up on work before the mowing starts.
  - They need to get the plastic on the fence and the equipment needs moved and prepared for the season.
  - The board agrees they shouldn't be working full hours but on nice days they should be cleaning up and doing maintenance around the park.
- Billy brought up the fact that the pickleball court needs work, there are cracks.

### **Board Member Comments**

- Extra catchers gear at the park. In order for it to be sold, the board needs to categorize it as surplus property.
  - The board wants to wait to do this to make sure we have enough for the season.
- There is an old set of bleachers in the woods.
  - The board would like them to be fixed so we can use them.
- Lora would like the flag pole put up at sandy acres this spring.
- Motion to Adjourn – Ruth, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Glenn. All in favor