

Minutes from April 22, 2024 Knox Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

Attendance:

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

Board Members Not Present: Gary Dulin,

Others Present: Bobby Trusty, Billy Whitehead, Jim Johnson, Mayor Estok.

Amendments to Agenda for April 22, 2024

- None

Approval of Minutes from March 25, 2024.

- Motion to approve by Ruth and 2nd by Nathan. All in favor.

Public Comment

Financial Reports

- The \$5,141.63 expense for fundraising candy was discussed because the board was not aware of this purchase and did not approve the purchase.
 - The mayor indicated he approved the purchase.

Old Business

- Park Camera Update
 - Obet went down to the park and reset the cameras. They were all working when he left. The park's contract with him as expired. The Board needs to begin thinking about what the next steps are with the cameras.
 - Park staff indicate there are some that are not working again.
 - The cameras may improve once surf internet is installed in the park.

New Business

- Field 4 Lights
 - Some lights on field 4 are not working.
 - Nipsco will be down to look at them.
 - Possibly consider switching them to LED.
- Employee Pay
 - Since the pay scale was increased the park employees have not received a raise.
 - Bobby's current salary is \$14.49 and Ron and Billy's \$12.75 an hour.
 - A motion was made to increase Bobby's salary to \$15.21 an hour and increase Ron and Billy's to \$13.14 an hour.
 - Motion was made by Glenn, 2nd by Nathan. All in favor.
- May Park Board Meeting
 - The May meeting falls on Memorial Day.
 - Motion made to hold the meeting on May 20th at 5:30.
 - Motion – Nathan, 2nd – Glenn. All in favor.

- Donation of Volleyball Camp Proceeds
 - A request was made to give a donation to the high school volleyball team for helping out with camp.
 - The board wants to know how many hours Dennis worked at the camp.
 - Glenn doesn't feel comfortable giving a donation without more information.
 - Motion to table this was made by Glenn, 2nd – Ruth. All in favor.
- Co-Ed Softball Tournament
 - Dennis wants to hold an all-night tournament.
 - Motion to approve tournament was made by Glenn, 2nd – Nathan. All in favor.

Director's Report

- Bobby wanted to check and see if anyone knew what the update was about the plow that Karl sold to Larry Fisher for \$500. Last he knew Larry hadn't paid for it.
- The park staff will prep the fields for the first game of the day for Karl's tournaments.
- The checkerboards are installed.
- Billy had some questions about who will be responsible for the fields at an all-night tournament.

Board Member Comments

- Glenn has had people voice their concerns about the rules for baseball/softball and what the procedures are for kids playing up or down.
- Janice Davis decided to purchase both a bench and a picnic table in memory of her husband.
- Motion to Adjourn – Ruth, 2nd – Nathan. All in favor