

Minutes from October 25, 2021 Knox Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

Attendance:

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

Board Members Not Present:

Others Present: Mayor Estok, Karl Swihart, Jim Johnson,

Amendments to Agenda for October 25, 2021 - None

Approval of Minutes from August 23, 2021: Motion – Ruth, 2nd – Glenn. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes from September 27, 2021: Motion – Ruth, 2nd – Autumn. All in favor.

Public Comment

- Mayor Estok
 - Park Board needs to pay attention to buildings and adding park activities
 - Get prices for new roof, both tin and shingles.
 - Karl is now full time and Bobby is maintenance director.
 - Stone walls need power washed and sealed.
 - Concession stands – no fees have been paid for concession stands or from teams.
 - Karl is hired to do programs and be the director.
 - Things that could be added: tetherball, cornhole, checkerboard tables, wheelchair swing.
 - Water will be shut off next week. Concession stand needs cleaned, if Park Employees do it – bill Marvin for the hours.

Presentation of Financials

Superintendent's Report

- Started getting quotes for tree removal and roofs
- He has emailed about getting the picnic tables ordered
- Went through 5-year plan and noticed ADA is what is lacking throughout the parks
- Programs are the biggest way to generate money.
 - Working on having a Daddy/Daughter dance in February.
- Creating a Park Logo was part of the 5-year plan.
 - Karl started a logo
 - Board mentioned having a competition at the school to create a logo.
- IPRA Membership – he's looked into it. It opens up opportunities for grants and classes.
- Met with Jim and Karl will be plowing the walking trail this winter to allow walkers to use the trail.

Old Business

- 5-year Park Plan Discussion
 - Things to consider adding to next plan
 - Storage building
 - Ski Slope
 - Lights throughout park
- Skate Park Update
 - Nathan went and removed Skate Lite
 - Nathan will work on ramps.
 - Park Board needs to come up with a Skate Park Replacement Plan
 - Insurance policy has requested a replacement policy

New Business

- Gateway Proposal
 - Project has changed, they are no longer wanting to install a large sign.
- Ice Skating Rink Purchase
 - Karl wants to purchase an ice-skating rink for the park.
 - He wrote the VFW for their support to purchase the rink for the park but in order to get it at the current price, it needs to be purchased before they can consider his proposal.
 - Motion to Purchase Ice Skating Rink
 - Motion – Glenn, 2nd – Ruth.
 - If the VFW approves the proposal, the park will be reimbursed for the purchase.
 - Karl will remove the snow from the rink.

Board Member Comments

Motion to Adjourn: Motion - Glenn, 2nd – Nathan. All in favor.