

Minutes from January 23, 2023 Knox Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

Attendance:

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

Board Members Not Present: Nathan Bradley,

Others Present: Karl Swihart, Stefanie Bartoli

Amendments to Agenda for January 23, 2023

- None

Acceptance of minutes from December 19, 2022: Motion – Gary, 2nd – Lora. All in favor.

Mayors Appointments for 2023

- Lora Estok is re-appointed to the Park Board.

Election of Officers for 2023

- **President**
 - **Nomination** – Autumn,
 - nominated by Gary.
 - Nominations closed by Ruth.
 - All in favor to appoint Autumn as Park Board President
- **Vice – President**
 - **Nomination** - Gary,
 - Nominated by Lora
 - Nominations closed by Ruth.
 - All in favor to appoint Gary as Park Board Vice – President
- **Secretary**
 - **Nomination** – Glenn
 - Nominated by Ruth
 - Nominations closed by Lora.
 - All in favor to appoint Glenn as Park Board Secretary

Director

- Mayor appointed Karl Swihart as Park and Recreation Director.
 - Motion to accept Mayor's Appointment
 - Motion – Glenn 2nd – Ruth. All in favor

Public Comment

- Stefanie Bartoli – Thanks everyone for the great park. She has 2 dogs and wants a dog park. Board discussed a location will be discussed in the new 5-year plan that is being completed now.

Presentation of Financials

- No discussion

New Business

- 2023 Park Employees
 - Karl talked to Billy and Bobby – both want to work this year. Karl also talked to Ron about coming and working some. He also wants to hire a high school kid.
- Camera Quotes
 - Obit provided Karl with a requote for the cameras at Shelter 4.
 - The cost was \$1353 for 2 cameras at shelter 4, skate park and wooded area.
 - The board would like to wait on the cameras.
- Community Foundation Grant
 - There is an impact grant available for large projects. Karl had some ideas.
 - Ball Diamond Mix, Dugouts at T-ball field, leaf blower, checker table and cornhole boards.
 - Board agrees for Karl to move forward with applying for the grant.
- Picnic Tables
 - 6 new red tables have been put together for the new shelter
 - Decided to keep the old ones to use around the park or use for parts
- Advertising Signs
 - Baseball and softball have sold advertisement signs in the past.
 - This year Karl will do sponsorship packages
 - Banner package \$250
 - Team Package \$350
 - Combo \$500
 - Motion to approve Glenn, 2nd Gary. All in favor.
- 2023 Concession Stand Advertisement
 - Bobby would like both concession stands.
 - Board decided to advertise for the concession stand rentals for 2023. Karl will put together an application form to be posted on Facebook page and city website.
- 2023 Concession Stand Contract
 - No changes need to be made at this time to the contract other than changing event dates.

Director's Report

- All 3 scoreboards are in, the wiring for them will be done in house. They will be installed when it gets nice out
- 18 sets of catcher's equipment were purchased for \$3,788
- Gate on field 4 needs fixed.
 - Dusty Allen looked at it and offered to do the work for free if the park purchases the supplies and we provide him with a free banner for the fields.
- Daddy-daughter dance is scheduled for February 25th.

- Cornhole league, youth basketball and adult basketball are in progress.

Board Member Comments

- There needs to be a public input session for the 5-year plan. Board would like it to be set on a Monday or a Wednesday in March.
- Motion to Adjourn – Ruth, 2nd – Glenn. All in favor