

Minutes from April 24, 2023 Knox Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

Attendance:

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

Board Members Not Present: Lora Estok

Others Present: Karl Swihart, Stefani Bartoli, Jim Johnson, Bev Johnson

Amendments to Agenda for April 24, 2023

- None

Acceptance of minutes from March 20, 2023: Motion – Glenn, 2nd – Nathan. All in favor.

Public Comment

- All were present to ask about the findings of the 5 year plan.
 - Reviewed the action plan and explained how the 5 year plan process works and that there will be another public hearing before it is finalized.

Presentation of Financials

- No discussion

Old business

- 5 Year Park Plan
 - Add pickleball upgrades and splashpad upgrades.
 - These are being added so if we ever want to expand or upgrade these two things, the upgrades could be included in a potential grant.
 - Lights for the baseball fields were requested to be added also.

New Business

- Program Update
 - 274 kids in baseball/softball.
 - 20 golf teams
 - Basketball is done and adult softball has started
 - Elementary school art teacher will be doing the summer art camp.
- Gator
 - Last year the steering went out and Bryan Cavender fixed it. It went out again so it is now at John Deere getting fixed.
- Infield Mix
 - 40 tons were ordered, they actually brought 48.
 - We could use approximately 20 more ton to finish everything.
 - It cost \$6,801.08
 - They couldn't send what was actually ordered so they sent a better-quality mix for the same price.

- Baseball/softball pay
 - The board is all volunteers, there is a main contact person, scheduler and UIC.
 - When the prices for the program were set there was \$5 added on to each player to pay the main contact person, scheduler and UIC.
 - \$3 for Main,
 - \$1 for scheduler
 - \$1 for UIC.
 - Karl is the UIC and he will waive his so Sabrina the scheduler would get \$2.
 - Motion to approve pay – Glenn, 2nd – Nathan. All in favor.

Director's Report

- Bobby put in his 2 weeks notice, he stated he will stay until a replacement is found.
- Karl is spending a lot of time at the park to make sure things get done.
 - He is trying to come up with options so this doesn't affect the programs or the quality of the park maintenance.
 - Maybe consider upping the pay in the future or hire a parttime office person so he can be in the park more.
- All of the bleachers are going to be taken up and gravel put under them.
- Bobby Howard from Fratco will donate the yellow caps.
- Northwest health will be donating \$1,500 on Friday
- The Schmidt bench is up by the basketball courts
- The Gustafson bench is up
- The grant has been submitted and they will go through them on June 1st.
- Scoreboards are up, Cory Busse will donate his time connecting them.
- Devin Garbison asked if they could hold a volleyball tournament in the park to raise money for his dad's scholarship.

Board Member Comments

- Pickleball machine, balls and blower were purchased by the RDC, as well as a shed will be built to house the equipment.
- Motion to Adjourn – Ruth, 2nd – Glenn. All in favor