

Minutes from July 31, 2023 Knox Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

Attendance:

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

Board Members Not Present:

Others Present: Dennis Fornelli

Amendments to Agenda for July 31, 2023

- None

Acceptance of minutes from June 26, 2023: Motion – Glenn, 2nd – Nathan. All in favor.

Public Comment

- Dennis Fornelli was present as the new Director of Park and Rec.
 - Wanted to inform the board that Winamac and West Central are pulling out of the baseball/softball league and creating their own league. They only want Pulaski County teams in the league
 - Going to check with Culver and Judson to look into creating a league and look into joining Plymouth's league.
 - Discussion on using field 5 for T-ball.

Presentation of Financials

Old business

- 5 year park plan update
 - Best to wait until next year to finalize the update since we are not applying for any grants this year. That will allow us to extend the plan out a year further.
- Community foundation grant update
 - In the process of completing the process to accept the money.

New Business

- Employee Update
 - Dennis Fornelli has been hired part time to do the park and rec. position.
 - Ron McDaniel has been hired back.
 - Need an additional employee to help with the maintenance at the park.

Director's Report

Board Member Comments

- The banners are still up at the baseball fields
 - They can be removed and stored for next season.
- Pitching nets
 - Can be removed and stored for next season

- Concessions Rental
 - Melissa has contacted a few board members requesting to not pay the last payment for the new concession stand because they haven't even broken even on that one.
 - Board agrees it needs to be paid, and any further request will require them to appear before the board.
 - Karl reached out regarding tournaments he wants to hold at the park in October and next year.
 - The dates are available and the costs will be addressed at a later date.
 - Lora
 - The water faucet still leaks by the splash pad
 - Book box is placed on the sidewalk.
 - Wanted to see when mulch was going to be purchased.
 - Park employees felt it was best to wait until spring to redo mulch. Maybe best to purchase it late fall or in the winter so it is delivered to begin it early next year.
 - Shelter 4 needs cleaned and painted.
 - Gary shared that if help is ever needed just ask him.
 - Field groomer – isn't the correct piece of equipment for what we need. Possibly look into selling our and purchasing the appropriate one.
- Motion to Adjourn – Ruth, 2nd – Lora. All in favor