

Pendleton Park Board Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2023

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Park Board President Bryan Williams. Additional board members present: Coco Bill, Brian Slick, Laretta Gray, Lindsey Madinger, Steve Wills and Ana Blake. Also present, Park Director Aaron Burris, Sports Complex Director Todd Miller, Park Secretary Bobbi Cline, Hillary Slick, and Marissa Skaggs.

- II. Approval of Minutes
Motion to approve December 14, 2022 meeting minutes made by Lindsey Madinger, 2nd by Laretta Gray. December meeting minutes were approved.

- III. Sahm's Smokehouse Update – Aaron Burris
 - a. Sahm's has caught up on all outstanding rent.
 - b. New lease - \$1000/mth until \$19k sales is reached after which the rent is 3.5% of sales.
 - c. Golf Course will be working with Sahm's to plan and budget meals for outings.

- IV. Friends of Falls Park – None

- V. Sports Complex – Todd Miller
 - a. 36 tons of material for the coming season is being delivered to the sports complex.
 - b. Fields 4 and 5 need a little work; still deciding which fields will be skinned for softball.
 - c. PJB has completed signups with record numbers, 600+. In regards to day/weekend games, surveys will be going home with players at the beginning of season to ascertain parents preferences.
 - d. Rugby is seeing spectators in excess of 2k. There needs to be a parking plan put in place to accommodate all of the traffic.
 - i. Brian Slick: Is the school responsible for Rugby? Todd Miller: No, it is independent.
 - ii. Hiring parking attendants was suggested.
 - e. Golf cart maps and rules will be provided to sports complex attendants in March 2023. Signage will be put up, information will be given to Pendleton Police Department and added to the Park website.

- VI. Golf Course – Aaron Burris
 - a. Pro Shop has begun operating Sun-Sat 10am to 4pm. Memberships are on sale 10% or 7% off until March 15.
 - b. The Golf Course will open the first week of March, weather permitting.
 - c. Equipment has been serviced, new tractor should be ready to deliver in 2 weeks, inventory has been ordered for the pro shop, and Mrs. Hilary Slick has been assisting staff with stick removal.
 - d. The parking lot will be extended towards the creek in an area where people already tend to park. By paving that area mud will be reduced.
 - e. Brian Slick: Should there be a work day for the student players? Aaron Burris: Will look into it.
 - f. New feature: Mondays after 7pm kids play free.

- VII. New Business
 - a. Land Acquisition

- i. President Bryan Williams reminds everyone that the park needs to acquire new land to keep up with the growing population. He advises all to keep an eye open for available prospects within Fall Creek Township.
- b. Leases
 - i. Pendleton Junior Baseball - Motion to approve, 1st Ana Blake, 2nd Brian Slick. Approved by all.
 - ii. Sahm's Smokehouse - Motion to approve, 1st Laretta Gray, 2nd Lindsey Madinger. Approved by all.
 - iii. South Madison Community Corporation - Motion to approve, 1st Steve Wills, 2nd Ana Blake. Approved by all.
- c. 2023 Officer Elections
 - i. President - Nominee Bryan Williams. Motion to approve 1st Brian Slick, 2nd Lindsey Madinger. Approved by all.
 - ii. Vice President - Nominee Ana Blake. Motion to approve 1st Bryan Williams, 2nd Lindsey Madinger. Approved by all.
 - iii. Treasurer/Secretary - Nominee Brian Slick. Motion to approve 1st Bryan Williams, 2nd Lindsey Madinger. Approved by all.

VIII. Old Business

- a. New Playground - Everything is still on track for a late April opening.
- b. New Entry - Material will be delivered the last week of March.
- c. Pickleball Courts - Still in the planning stage.
- d. Pool - Aaron will follow up with the past sponsor.

IX. Maintenance – Aaron Burriss for Donnie Meyer

- a. Focus has been on trail maintenance and tree removal where downed and dangerous.
- b. New split rail fence was installed on the corner of Falls Park Dr and East to protect wetlands and enhance ascetics.

X. Director's Report – Aaron Burriss, Park Director

- a. Impact fees are adding up quickly with the first 5 permits bringing in about \$19k in fees.
- b. Trees - Dependable Tree Service has assisted in the removal of 30+ Ash trees that were a danger. Tree work was also done at the Vet's office. 136 trees were planted in 2022 to keep the park healthy and growing.
- c. Trails - Millings have been added to trails where needed. Drainage issues near the tunnel will be addressed this spring/summer; trees blocking the creek are big contributors to the flooding issue and will be removed.
- d. Verizon will be digging a trench to install new lines at the Sports Complex. They will be using the Town's easement which should limit the impact on the sports complex.
- e. Due to consistent vandalism, quotes for an access control system are being sought.
- f. Many donations have been made to the park in memory of Denny Robinson, Layla Robinson will be working with the park to determine the best use for the funds.
- g. Maintenance Employees - There are 2 maintenance employees all year round, an additional employee works 10 months of the year and three are added during the summer months.

- i. Laretta Gray: Do we need to hire more employees for grounds work? Aaron Burris: At this point in time we are fine with our numbers.

XI. Approval of Claims from December 2022 and January 2023

The Register of Claims for December 2022 and January 2023 were circulated.

Motion to accept Register of Claims for December 2022 made by Lindsey Madinger, 2nd by Brian Slick, approved by all. Motion to accept Register of Claims for January 2023 made by Steve Wills, 2nd by Ana Blake, approved by all. Members present did sign both the December 2022 and January 2023 Register of Claims.

7:24 pm Meeting adjourned by President Bryan Williams.