

Pendleton Park Board Meeting Minutes

June 28, 2023

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Park Board Vice President Ana Blake. Additional board members present: Steve Wills, Brian Slick, Laretta Gray, Lindsey Madinger and Coco Bill. Also present, Park Director Aaron Burris, Park Secretary Bobbi Cline, Pool Manager Janessa Chesnic, Jo Scott, Jay Brown and Stephanie Buck.
- II. Approval of Minutes
Motion to approve May 24, 2023 meeting minutes made by Coco Bill, 2nd by Lindsey Madinger. May meeting minutes were approved.
- III. Sahn's Smokehouse Update – Report submitted by Ed Sahn
 - a. May was a good month with great turnouts for the weekend nights that featured music.
 - b. Profits resulted in rent being paid at \$3547.25
- IV. Friends of Falls Park – Stephanie Buck
 - a. While the Farmers Market is going strong, there have been problems keeping cars off of the closed roadway. FoFP will be investing in more, larger barriers.
 - b. July project day will feature mulching and helping with drainage issues.
- V. Sports Complex – Report submitted by Todd Miller
 - a. Pendleton Junior Football will kick off in late July. The league will be installing flagpole #3 near their scoreboards.
 - b. Baseball and softball continue being strong at the complex.
 - c. Ana Blake - Football building looks unlevel. Aaron Burris - That is the Pendleton Junior Football's responsibility, he will look into it.
 - d. Community Health Network did not renew their sponsorship. There have been no 2023 Sports Complex sponsors.
- VI. New Business
 - a. 2023 Duck Race
 - i. The Friends of the Library will be hosting their 10th annual duck race. This year they would like to use the proceeds to purchase outdoor chess tables to be placed between the community building and museum. The board agrees this is a great idea.
 - b. Golf Cart Lease - Report submitted by Aaron Burris
 - i. Three (3) quotes were obtained for new golf cart lease/purchase.
 - ii. Of the three, Aaron Burris and Brian Slick suggest a True Lease that will run 5 years and allow for either upgrading or purchasing at the end of the term. This will also free up capital on the front end for other golf course necessities.
 - iii. Motion to pursue True Lease made by Brian Slick, 2nd by Laretta Gray, approved by all.
 - c. Log Cabin - Jay Brown
 - i. It was brought to the attention of the board that the Log Cabin is being underrepresented in regards to what the park has to offer. Updated marketing pieces will be designed.
- VII. Old Business

- a. Bicentennial Mural - The Madison County Bicentennial will be funding the Falls Park mural.
 - b. Memorial Program - Updates to the program were submitted and approved.
- VIII. Maintenance – Donnie Meyer, Director of Maintenance
- a. Report submitted:
 - i. Current entrance signs will be moved within the week to their new locations.
 - ii. Maintenance, landscaping and repairs were done as needed and for prevention.
 - iii. Laretta Gray has been a huge help with all of the painting she has done around the park.
- IX. Director’s Report – Aaron Burris, Park Director
- a. Report submitted:
 - i. Begley property has officially been purchased by the park; press releases went out same day as closing.
 - ii. Low head dam in Fall Creek is being evaluated to determine if it should/needs to be removed. Dr Jerry Sweeten, a well known expert on low head dams, met with Aaron to discuss pros and cons. This is an ongoing conversation.
 - iii. Work on the new entrance sign will begin on July 5.
 - iv. Pour and play is scheduled but will continue being dependent on weather.
 - v. The June Jamboree was another huge success.
 - vi. The golf course has continued to see increased play both individual and league. New signage was installed at the entrance to the course as well as along Pendleton Ave. The pro-shop will begin selling Under Armor.
- X. Pool - Report submitted by Janessa Chesnic
- a. Weather has been a little hard to deal with; in response the pool has attempted to do more delayed openings rather than closing for the entire day.
 - b. Updated register system is helping keep track of attendance and sales.
 - c. Lifeguards are maintaining high standards by participating in inservice practices at least once a week.
 - d. Parties are filling up
 - e. Pool would like to remain open through Labor Day; weekends in August. Laretta Gray motioned to allow this, 2nd by Coco Bill, approved by all.
- XI. Approval of Claims from May 2023
- The Register of Claims for May 2023 were circulated.
- Motion to accept Register of Claims for May 2023 made by Brian Slick, 2nd by Coco Bill, approved by all.
- Members present signed the May 2023 Register of Claims.

7:36 pm Meeting adjourned by Vice President Ana Blake.