

## Pendleton Park Board Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2022

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:00 by park board president Bryan Williams. Additional board members present: Jennifer Roberts, Steve Wills, Ana Blake, Brian Slick, Laretta Gray and Lindsey Madinger. Also present: park director Aaron Burris, park attorney Bill Davisson, park secretary Bobbi Cline, Marissa Skaggs, Chet Babb. For public present please refer to sign in sheet dated September 28, 2022.

### Approval of Minutes

- A. Change requested to paragraph 2 - Change 'town' to 'park'.
- B. Motion to approve July 27, 2022 and August 18, 2022 meeting minutes made by Laretta Gray, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ana Blake. Both meeting minutes were approved.
- II. Sahm's Smokehouse Update
  - A. One room was majorly damaged in the fire. Other damage included broken windows and extensive smoke damage.
  - B. Sahm's Insurance is covering the costs of all repairs.
  - C. Ed Sahm's is hoping to reopen late October.
  - D. Lease will be discussed at the November meeting; Ed Sahm should attend per board.
- III. Friends of Falls Park – None
- IV. Sports Complex – Aaron Burris
  - A. Football season is wrapping up as well as fall softball,
  - B. Fields will be aerified and prepared to be winterized.
  - C. Grass will be removed from fields to allow for more flexible usage.
- V. Golf Course – Aaron Burris
  - A. Business is slowing down as the days get colder.
  - B. Outing season is beginning and looking good with 8+ outings within 3 weeks.
  - C. Course will be aerified Monday 10/3 and Tuesday 10/4.
- VI. Public - Pendleton Pride
  - A. Bryan Williams, Board President, began discussion by making very clear that the application process hasn't changed in 10+ years and will remain the same. The park board does not vote on event applications and the process for the Pendleton Pride Event application/permit was followed. The park board will not debate morality. The park will remain content neutral and will not discriminate or bar certain groups from enjoying the park.
  - B. Q: Joanie Krieg asks that the permit be updated and a perjury clause be added. A: The permit will remain as is.
  - C. Q: Alissa NA suggests that the board pulls permits if the event appears to differ from application. A: The park will not pull permits and will leave any legal issues that might arise from events to be dealt with by local law enforcement.
  - D. Q: Larisha Hanks asks if disturbances at one event will bar a group from being permitted to have future events. A: No.
  - E. Q: Nathan Petrnelts asks when an event crosses a line and is not permitted. A: Criminal laws, both at state and federal level, say what is illegal. The park does not make or enforce laws.

1. Q: If a group breaks a law will that bar them from future events? A: No.

F. Christina Petrnelt asks if anything sexually suggestive is illegal. A: No.

VII. Maintenance – Aaron Burris

A. Pool has been winterized and will be operational for the 2023 season.

B. Work report was submitted to the board.

C. Regular maintenance of the trails, pool, and golf course.

D. Work continues on the Disc Golf course as well as preparing for the new playground.

VIII. Director's Report – Aaron Burris, Park Director

A. Playground

1. Playground will be arriving in bits and pieces with the larger pieces arriving in November.

2. Work has been stalled temporarily; the Limestone shelf is higher than expected so plans will have to be made to work around that.

a) Q: Was the limestone issue the result of a mistake? A: No, testing was done in several different places, they all just happened to have lower levels of limestone.

3. Fundraising - Issues have been raised as to whether the fundraising is to pay for the playground or augment the funds already received. A: Fundraising is just for augmentation.

a) Q: Should Context be designing and hosting a fundraising site for us? A: It will be looked into.

b) Q: Did the South Madison Community Foundation give the park a grant to pay Sue Patton to write grants? A: It will be looked into.

4. The majority of the playground should be complete by winter 2022.

B. Front entrance is expected to be complete by the end of 2022.

C. Wagon Barn at the N 40 is still in need of funding.

D. New trail signs will be installed by Ninestar on October 14 for their Ninestar Community Day.

1. Board would like the signs to mention 'In Memory of Doug McGee'.

E. The public auction is set for October 22 at 10 am at the park office. The auction will be advertised on social media and in the local papers. Old equipment as well as old play equipment will be included in the auction.

F. The disc golf course is being expanded and is expected to be able to pour concrete for the new pads in early November 2022.

Approval of Claims from July 2022

G. The Register of Claims for July 2022 was circulated and a motion to accept Register of Claims for July 2022 made by Ana Blake, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jennifer Roberts. Approved by all. Members present signed the register of claims for July 2022.

Approval of Claims from August 2022

H. The Register of Claims for August 2022 was circulated and a motion to accept Register of Claims for August 2022 made by Steve Wills, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jennifer Roberts. Approved by all. Members present signed the register of claims for August 2022.

I. 6:57 pm Meeting adjourned by President Bryan Williams.