

## Pendleton Park Board Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2022

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Park Board President Bryan Williams. Additional board members present: Jennifer Roberts, Brian Slick, Laretta Gray, Lindsey Madinger, Steve Wills and Ana Blake. Also present, Park Director Aaron Burriss, Park Attorney Bill Davisson, Maintenance Director Donnie Meyer, Park Secretary Bobbi Cline, Joe Noel, Laura Meyer, Dennis Otten, and Marissa Skaggs.
- II. Approval of Minutes  
Motion to approve December 15, 2021 meeting minutes made by Laretta Gray, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Slick. December meeting minutes were approved.
- III. Sahn's Smokehouse Update – No Representation
  - a. Reporting on Sahn's Smokehouse was Park Director Aaron Burriss.
  - b. Sahn's Smokehouse has been steadily losing money. It is believed to be due to both Covid and unrealistic expectations.
  - c. The owners of Sahn's Smokehouse have asked the park for help. Possibly in the form of rent relief or maintenance costs.
  - d. The original agreement stated that the park would give Sahn's Smokehouse \$30k for repairs/upgrades. This has already been paid out.
  - e. It was originally agreed that representatives from Sahn's Smokehouse would present a report at the monthly park board meeting. They have not done that and must present to the board at the February meeting to be considered for any sort of help.
- IV. Friends of Falls Park – Joe Noel
  - a. The Farmer's Market has begun taking applications. There are about 40 vendors already signed up. The American Legion is expected to hold a competing Farmer's Market.
  - b. The Heritage Fair is already in the planning stages. Vendors are coming forward and the FoFP are working on grants to help pay expenses.
  - c. The Friends of Falls Park are working with both Aaron Burriss and Donnie Meyer on getting the patio behind the Community Building repaved. The expected cost is about \$27k. Joe Noel is working on grants to help pay for this project.
- V. Sports Complex – Aaron Burriss for Todd Miller
  - a. Scheduling has begun for middle school softball and baseball as well as Indianapolis Baseball League. There are already 6 tournaments scheduled for June and July.
  - b. The Sports Complex, along with Pendleton Rugby, will be hosting up to 4 college matches in addition to the regular rugby season.
  - c. This is set to be the busiest season in the history of the Sports Complex.
  - d. Projects that need to be completed:
    - i. Fix diamond 6 fence.
    - ii. Resurface two dugouts.

- iii. Sod and rebuild diamond 2.
- iv. Construct second batting cage.
- e. Community Hospital sponsorship package will be complete by February 7, 2022. Smaller sponsorship packages are being put together for other businesses as well.

VI. Golf Course – Aaron Burris

- a. The Golf Course has been closed for the month of January. It will reopen in February with limited hours of operation.
- b. Equipment is being maintenance by the park maintenance crew while the golf course is closed.

VII. New Business

a. 2022 Bond

- i. Resolution 2022-1 allows for refunding of the 2013 bond to be an option if there are savings to be had. There could possibly be an additional \$60-\$70k available as there would be no capital interest and issuance costs would be reduced. In addition, the park could see a savings of up to \$140k over 7 years. Adding a couple of years would keep tax rate steady. The assumed coupon % is an estimate currently but will be locked in once bond sells. A downside would be present if a large downturn was expected in future interest rates, but everything is suggesting that interest rates are only going to go up.
- ii. Resolution 2022-1 – motion to approve by Jennifer Roberts, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Slick. Motion passed.

b. 2022 Officer Elections

- i. President – Bryan Williams: Motion 1<sup>st</sup> by Brian Slick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jennifer Roberts
- ii. Vice President – Ana Blake: Motion Steve Wills, 2<sup>nd</sup> Laurretta Gray.
- iii. Secretary – Brian Slick: Motion 1<sup>st</sup> Brian Williams, 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Wills.

c. 2022 Golf Course Rates

- i. Even with the raise in rates, Fall Creek Golf Club remains one of the lowest in the area.
- ii. 2022 rates – Motion to approve, 1<sup>st</sup> Ana Blake, 2<sup>nd</sup> Laurretta Gray. Approved.

d. 2021 Financial Review

- i. In 2021 the park and properties brought in over \$1million. That is up \$129k from 2020. Unfortunately, the donation fund saw a 15% decrease over 2021. Rental income increased 32% and the Golf Course increased 12%.

VIII. Old Business

- a. Job descriptions and evaluation process are requested to be complete by February 2022 meeting.
- b. Impact fees are still in the works and should go into effect August 2022. Planning commission will be reviewing before town council approval.
- c. 2022 pay resolutions are still being reviewed and discussed. Bryan Williams states that according to Indiana law the park board is supposed to set salaries.

IX. Maintenance – Donnie Meyer, Maintenance Director

- a. Focus has been put on cleaning up the lot next to Barnhart Field. The logs are being stored near the Dog Park and have been made available to help community members heat their homes.
- b. Work is still being done to clear the area along the creek at the golf course.

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

- a. The park is now able to accept debit and credit cards. There is a 3.5% fee that is passed along to the consumer in the cases of credit cards. Debit cards do not have a fee.
- b. The towns website went live. The park has a page on the new website and will have it ready to replace the current park website by March 1, 2022.
- c. Playground – Context is working on updated pricing. Because prices are steadily and quickly rising, direct purchasing is the best option to get what we want and stay in budget.
- d. The log cabin will begin being rented out April 1, 2022. Ana Blake asked if the fireplaces in the buildings are safe for renters to use. Donnie Meyer responded that there has never been an issue with fire safety in the building.

XI. Approval of Claims from November 2021 and December 2021

The Register of Claims for November 2021 and December 2021 were circulated.

Motion to accept Register of Claims for November 2021 made by Laretta Gray, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jennifer Roberts, approved by all. Motion to accept Register of Claims for December 2021 made by Laretta Gray, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jennifer Roberts, approved by all. Members present did sign both the November 2021 and December 2021 Register of Claims.

7:10 pm Meeting adjourned by President Bryan Williams.