

Park Board Minutes

July 2, 2020

The City of Madison Parks Board held its monthly meeting this 2nd day of July 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall. Members present were Gayle Spaulding, Tim Whitaker, and Casey Stewart. Others present were Seth Pennington, Matt Woolard and Kim Eaglin.

Approval of Minutes

Board President Tim Whitaker called this meeting to order. Board Member Gayle Spaulding made a motion to accept the minutes from May as distributed, Casey Stewart seconded the motion; all approved. Motion carried.

Golf Report

Seth Pennington, Park's Director, filled in for Jeff Bridgford, golf pro, who could not attend the meeting. He reported the following scheduled outings:

1. July 28- State Junior Tournament
2. July 29- Chamber of Commerce Outing
3. August 8- Lide White Boys & Girls Club Benefit

Director's Report

Seth Pennington, Parks Director, introduced our new Assistant Park's Director Matt Woolard. He next updated the Board on our Men's softball league. They are currently playing on Monday and Wednesday at John Paul Park.

The Campground is currently full. We purchased a new riding mower for the campground attendant to mow the lots in between rentals.

Sunrise Golf Course irrigation system is up & running after some repairs. We are experiencing several problems with our equipment. We met with a John Deere representative to discuss a lease program on all our equipment.

For the past two weeks, we have rented out our baseball fields at Rucker for tournaments. We partnered with Visit Madison and distributed welcome packages which included discounts to several places in Madison.

Our Little League baseball program is up and running. Games began at Rucker on June 29th. Our numbers are down. Tony Ralston, Madison High School softball coach, graciously volunteered to run a skills clinic for girls this year who didn't have enough players to have a league.

New Business

Seth announced we just received notice from the Governor that we will be able to have football this year. Sign-ups will begin soon.

Seth reported he is currently in the process of obtaining a new computer software system for the parks. He has narrowed the selection down to 2 companies. Tim asked if people could sign up for all activities online. Seth replied yes and the new program would also help with scheduling leagues and budgets.

Seth is also working on a contract with Coke and Pepsi. He is trying to see which company offers the most benefits/sponsorship to our Parks.

He informed the Board we are finalizing the legal documents to open the Madison Sport Courts in the former Country Club. They look real nice and Seth encouraged the Board to go and see them.

Seth is in the process of having a kickball tournament at Kiwanis and a sand volleyball tourney at Jaycee Park. He is also working on logistics for Yoga in the park.

Starting Saturday, July 4th, Crystal Beach will go to one session per day from 11am to 7pm @ \$5/person. We can now have 500 people in the pool at one time. No pass outs will be given. We will still offer Water Aerobics and Senior swimming Monday through Friday from 9:30-11am.

Casey told Seth that as a parent she is thankful for all of the new programs we are offering.

Tim echoed her sentiments and added that at least we are trying to offer programs when other cities have opted out because of the coronavirus.

Claims/Fund Balances

The Board reviewed the claims. Casey made the motion to accept the claims as presented, Gayle seconded the motion; all approved. Motion carried.

Casey made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Gayle seconded the motion; all approved. Meeting adjourned.