

Park Board Minutes

April 29, 2020

The City of Madison Parks Board held its monthly meeting the 29th day of April 2020 at 5:30 p.m. on ZOOM due to the coronavirus. Members present were Gayle Spaulding, Casey Stewart, Tim Whitaker and Derma Smith. Others present were Jeff Bridgford, Mayor Courtney, Joe Jenner, Randy Gray and Kim Eaglin.

Approval of Minutes

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

Golf Pro Report

Jeff Bridgford, Golf Pro, reported that due to the coronavirus new rules are in place to keep the course open for play. The following rules are in place until further notice: One rider per cart; tee times are required; one person per cart, one person at a time in the Pro Shop; putting green is closed; No restrooms open; Ranger is on the course every day; no sign in sheet and all May scrambles previously scheduled are cancelled.

Old Business

The next item on the agenda is a tabled resolution on pillars in Bicentennial Park. After much discussion, Casey made a motion to accept the resolution as written, Gayle seconded the motion; all approved. Motion carried.

New Business

Mayor Courtney spoke next on Parks Department restructuring (see attached). He thanked Madison Tool & Die for volunteering and sprucing up Rucker Sports Complex on Green road. Mayor Courtney said he feels the virus brought out the best of Madison. Casey asked about funding these programs and other things that have needed attention for years but have been put on hold because of lack of funding. The Mayor responded that we would first do a Capitol investment analysis and then a Park Bond.

Joe Jenner, spoke to the Board next about possibly forming a City Baseball League to make up for lost baseball season for high school players. Madison baseball coaches will run the league and supply everything needed. There will be no cost to the city. Before he proceeded, he wanted to speak to the Park Board first. The Board asked him to go forward with this and come back with more details when they become available.

Next on the agenda was Jefferson County Soccer Association. They have requested a reduction in their yearly fee for field rental. Due to the coronavirus, their spring soccer season was cancelled. Gayle made a motion to reduce their yearly fee to \$2,000 due and payable by October 20th. Casey seconded the motion; all approved. Motion carried.

Randy Gray, campground attendant spoke next. He informed the Board that he has repainted the restroom floor and reseeded bare spots around the campground. He is hoping

to open soon. Mayor Courtney asked him how many campers have reservations for the weekend. He responded that we currently have 5. They are all self-contained and will have no need of our restrooms. Mayor replied that we are waiting on the Governor's decision.

Claims/Fund Balances

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

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

The next Parks Board Meeting is scheduled for May 27th at 5:30 p.m. on ZOOM.