



MADISON *Indiana*

Parks Board Minutes

MEETING DATE: January 3, 2024

MEETING PLACE: City Hall- Council Chambers

The City of Madison Parks Board held its monthly meeting this 3rd day of January 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall.

Calling of roll and notice of absentees: The meeting was called to order by Board President Carla Krebs. Other Board members in attendance were David Hertz, Jake Shockley and Phil Kahn. Also, in attendance were Scott Klein, Park Director, Tanya Burnette, Assistant Director and Kim Eaglin, Park Secretary.

Approval of Minutes: Carla made a motion to accept the minutes from the December meeting as distributed. Jake seconded the motion, all approved. Motion carried.

Claims: Carla made a motion to accept the claims as presented. Phil seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

New Business: Carla made a motion to approve the Crystal Beach rates as announced and advertised. Jake seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Scott announced a new campground attendant for 2024 who will also monitor shelters in our Parks that are reserved. Carla made a motion to accept the campground attendant contract for 2024 as presented. Phil seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Report of Parks officials: Tanya summarized events for 2023. We held 12 successful events and are hoping to add more for 2024. She added that she would like to create an event committee. At the Senior Center in 2023, we renovated the center, hired a senior coordinator, doubled hours of operation, added day trips once a month, started sending out "Seniors On the Move" newsletters, brought Lifetime Resources meals back two times per week, moved dances back to the center and opened up office space for RSVP.

Scott summarized programming for 2023 and gave financials for the campground and Sunrise Golf Course. Scott said we hosted 61 separate activities for 2023 with approximately 2,500 participants. The campground revenue was up \$76,706.83 in 2023. Sunrise Golf Course slashed the deficit from 4 years ago of \$300,000 to \$39,000 in 2023. Scott has several ideas to increase revenue at the golf course in 2024. Including: Utilizing wholesale purchasing for concessions and changing how we manage chemical purchases. Klein said planning projects are underway for refurbishments at Sunrise, Rucker and Brown Gym. He also plans to address the need for more lighting at John Paul Park and Pearl Park.



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Public comment: Jan Vetrhus and Jarrett Boyd came forward about pool fees and hours. She feels season passes are too high and hours need to be extended in the evening. Both Stephanie Hellman and Nina Eaglin strongly urged the Board to add evening hours at the pool. Carla said tonight is just a vote for the rates not the hours of operation.

Mayor Bob Courtney said Crystal Beach Aquatic Park is a \$10 million investment in our community. Let's make sure it's still around 50 to 70 years from now for kids, adults and visitors in our community.

Next meeting: Monday, February 5, 2024, at 5 PM

Adjourn: Carla made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Phil. All Approved. Motion carried.

Attested:

Carla E Krebs

Parks Board President/Vice President

