

MUNSTER BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
MUNSTER TOWN HALL
Tuesday, June 15, 2021

MINUTES

Park Board Members present: David Cerven, President; Robyn Paulsen, Vice President; Dan Repay, Board Member, Mike Sowards, Board Member; Ron Ostojic, School Board Liaison.

Park Staff present: Mark Heintz, Director of Parks and Recreation; Kevin Dark, Superintendent of Operations; Jill Higgins, Superintendent of Recreation; Janice Uram Board Secretary; Abby Kresal, Recreation & Aquatics Supervisor; Anna Nasinska, Pool Manager; Andrew Johnson, Centennial Park General Manager.

Others present: Wendy Mis, Clerk-Treasurer via Zoom Meeting Technology
Lt. Dan Broelmann; MPD
James Lipton; 9128 Marigold Lane

1. *CALL TO ORDER*

President Cerven called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. *PUBLIC COMMENT*

Mr. Lipton expressed his concerns to the Board about the number of Illinois license plates that are in and out of Centennial Park and how on crowded days people can be seen consuming alcohol, tailgating and in general not abiding by the park rules.

The Board commented that the issue had been on the Department's and the Board's "plate" for quite some time and that they continue to monitor the situation.

The Director received four emails from residents wanting comment to the board;

-Requesting placement of a free mini library; the board agreed.

-Commenting about how people are bringing coolers into the pool; seeing alcohol consumption, and Smelling marijuana in the bathrooms. The writer expressed concern about how this all affects the young pool staff.

-Concerned about all the rule breaking going on at the pool; toys/balls in the pool and general rowdiness of younger swimmers. The writer would like to see the showers turned on.

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3. *ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS*

a. *Approval of Park Board Minutes*

i. June 1, 2021 Minutes

It was motioned by board Member repay and seconded by School Board Liaison Ostojic to approve the June 1, 2021 minutes. The motion carried by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

b. *Confirmation/Approval of Park Vouchers*

i. Confirmation of Voucher Register 21-6C dated 6/15/21 totaling \$22,232.99

It was motioned by Board Member Repay and seconded by Vice President Paulsen to approve voucher register 21-6C. the motion carried by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

c. *Reports*

i. June Board Report

The Director reported that preparations for the July 3rd activities continue. Staff has been tracking a snake sighting at Centennial Park; if caught it can be safely relocated by a staff member who is certified to do so. New chairs for the social center were ordered. For the

time being, there is a temporary gas line connection above ground on the golf course. The Superintendent of Recreation and Calumet Photo Club have agreed on Social Center usage beginning in September. The Community Market began on June 6th with 40 vendors. Eighteen rentals are scheduled at the Social Center for June. The applicant list for the Maintainer II position has been narrowed down to about 35 and interviews are being set up. The Monon Trailhead fountain is leaking; the problem has not yet been located. Maintenance staff spent time with Cabeno to get the methane flare repaired. The Superintendent of operations is getting quotes for a new A/C condenser for the maintenance office and lunchroom. Golf course maintenance staff is working their way through the drought conditions.

4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

a. Centennial Park HVAC Preventative Maintenance Agreement

The Director presented the renewal for the preventative maintenance contract for the HVAC system at Centennial Park. The terms of the agreement remain the same. There is a 3% increase in the cost of the agreement over last year for a total annual cost of \$7,942.00 payable four times per year. The Director recommended the Board approve the agreement and authorize him to sign it.

It was motioned by Board Member Repay and seconded by Board Member Sowards to approve the renewal for one year of the HVAC preventative maintenance agreement with Arctic Engineering in the amount of \$7,942.00 and authorize the Director to sign the agreement. The motion carried by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

b. Pool Discussion

Discussion was had about the numerous complaints coming into the Department by the public and the pool staff. Staff and Administration's suggestions for changes were discussed. Following discussion, the following motions were made amending the rules and regulations at the pool to be activated immediately;

It was motioned by Board Member Repay and seconded by Board Member Sowards to remove the discounted admission rate that begins at 3:00 p.m. The motion carried by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

It was motioned by Board Member Repay and seconded by School Board Liaison Ostojic that no one under the age of 17 years old will be admitted into the pool without a parent or legal guardian. The motion carried by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

It was motioned by Board Member Repay and seconded by Vice President Paulsen that security will be hired for private pool party rentals of 250 people and that additional security will be hired for every additional 250 people in attendance. The motion carried by a vote of 5 on favor and 0 opposed.

5. ADJOURNMENT

President Cerven called for a motion to adjourn.

It was motioned by Vice President Paulsen and seconded by School Board Liaison Ostojic to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed and the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Janice Uram, Park Board Secretary

Date

David Cerven, Park Board President

Date