

Open Meeting:

1. Roll call

Jessica Crim- present, Kimberly Storey- present, Kailey Newbrough- present, Jerra Icenhower- present, Johnnie Collins- present, Cheryl Widner - Not Present

2. Call to order

Icenhower calls the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

3. Approve agenda

Added agenda topic: Discuss and/or vote on concession stand.

Collins makes a motion to approve the meeting agenda, Crim seconded.

Vote: Crim- yes, Storey- yes, Newbrough- yes, Icenhower- yes, Collins- yes

Yes- 5, No-0

Public Forum:

Jacob Whitehead from the community present for Park Board meeting. He has been a part of soccer for the last 7-8 years. In his opinion, a lot of the local kids are going to Springfield to play because Springfield has consistent programs. Icenhower: the problem is that we didn't have the money to pay all of the different people to run soccer the way that the program used to run, so now we have one single sports coordinator because we just couldn't pay all of the different people. We are trying to build from the ground up. The all call system that people are talking about was around \$8,000 a year, for just soccer, and we just couldn't afford that. We now have teamsnap available for all sports and that has been helpful. What are your thoughts about having soccer separated from the rest of the sports? Whitehead: I think having both fall and spring soccer would be a good idea. Icenhower: I think it comes down to whether the bridges have been burned to take that role on. Whitehead: About this time last year Bob approached me and asked if I wanted to take soccer over. The next week we were informed their services were no longer needed. Whitehead: when you make a facebook post or response, you should make it under the Park Board Page, not your private pages.

General discussion on Soccer as well as agreement on social media posts being under "Fair Grove Park Board" once we are able to take over as moderators; Gloria Short started the page years ago and is the only one with the login information, currently.

Business Meeting:

1. Employee Reports

Craig: Soccer fields are almost done. Craig: There are 3 boxes of field paint left. Do you want to do end zones in white or in different colors? There is some leftover in yellow, do you want me to use that in the end zones? Park Board: let's use up the yellow and use the white for the rest. Craig: Field drag is starting to tear up the field. Might want to consider getting a new one before season. Priced a couple and they are around \$500 for 6x6.

Crim makes a motion to purchase a new drag, Icenhower seconded.

Vote: Crim- yes, Storey- yes, Newbrough- yes, Icenhower- yes, Holdsworth- yes

Yes- 5, No-0

Craig: scoreboard in field 1 and portable scoreboard are not working.

Icenhower: I don't know that we want to put money into a scoreboard right now. We can revisit this in April.

Shawn: Soccer we have 150 kids or so, all of the teams are put together.

Approximately 4-5 teams per age group. Brittany Counterman is supposed to help me in putting them in Team Snap. New goals arrived today. We are still short coaches.

Icenhower: it is an ongoing issue to get family members and parents to coach. Shawn: We need around 18 coaches and we only have 5-6. Newbrough: Let's send a mass email to parents letting them know that we are desperate for coaches and see if anyone can help. Also, I am ordering uniforms this week.

Icenhower: In regard to uniforms, The hope is for us to get enough sponsors for each team to have their own sponsor. Right now we have three sponsors, Premier Automotive, Newland Construction, and Legacy Early Learning Center. The sponsorships need to be front and center of our uniforms. Parkboard can be on the back, and sponsors need to be large on the front.

Kacie: Not present and no communication about upcoming events, or bids ect..

Icenhower: Easter event needs more advertisement.

2. Treasurer Report

Storey: January we made \$9,788.91. Each month we make around \$2,000-\$9000 depending on the month and what is going on during that month. January is so high because of basketball concessions. Storey: Will message Sarah to get banking information for deposits.

3. Committee Reports

Reorganizing committees, due to change in board members.

Icenhower: In April we will put committees back together once we speak with Cheryl and see if she is still planning on joining the Board.

Old Business

1. Vote and/or discussion on Vice Chair

Icenhower: We will table this until our April meeting.

New Business:

1. Discuss and/or vote on concession stand.

Icenhower: A previous board member donated some essential things from the concession stand such as our microwave and our grill so I will go see what all is needed.

Crim makes a motion to purchase a grill, microwave, and any other needs for under \$1500, Storey Seconded.

Vote: Crim- yes, Storey- yes, Newbrough- yes, Icenhower- yes, Holdsworth- yes
Yes- 5, No-0

2. Vote and/or discussion on Fall Soccer changes.

Discussed in depth in Public Forum: see above.

3. Vote and/or discussion on communication options (website, billboard ect)

Collins would like to be in charge of Communications.

Icenhower: we can have you get into Team Snap and do all of that communication as well.

Collins will contact Shawn for information to get into Team Snap.

Icenhower: we need to get sponsorship banners ordered ASAP. Collins will get these ordered.

4. Vote and/or discussion on budget for park improvements.

Icenhower: we have some discrepancies in our numbers. We currently have around \$220,000 in the bank. The biggest part of Kacies (Counterman) job is involving Grants because there are a ton of them out there but we need to tap into them. Putting the budget on hold for the time being, until we are able to get some more information.

5. Vote and/or discussion on Town Hall meeting March 22nd.

Icenhower: Park Board has been invited to be present at the Town Hall meeting.

Fair Grove District Park Board Meeting Minutes
81 S. Orchard Blvd. Fair Grove, Mo 65648
March 11th, 2024

Closed Session:

1. Personnel/hiring

Collins makes a motion to go into closed session, Crim seconded.

Vote: Crim- yes, Storey- yes, Newbrough- yes, Icenhower- yes, Collins- yes

Yes- 5, No-0

Motion made to hire Chelsea Counterman as Concession Stand Coordinator.

Vote: Yes- 5, No-0

Motion made to hire Leri Proctor for Seasonal Maintenance Support

Vote : Yes- 5, No- 0

Icenhower makes a motion to go back into open session at 7:49pm, Collins seconded.

Vote: Crim- yes, Storey- yes, Newbrough- yes, Icenhower- yes, Collins- yes

Yes- 5, No- 0

Approve Park Board Minutes

Newbrough makes a motion to approve Park Board minutes from the last meeting, Icenhower seconded.

Vote: Crim- yes, Storey- yes, Newbrough- yes, Icenhower- yes, Collins- yes

Yes- 5, No-0

Adjournment:

Icenhower makes a motion to adjourn the open meeting at 7:50 pm.

Next Park Board meeting will be Monday April 8th, 2024 at 6:00 pm
Kailey Newbrough, Secretary