

**Open Meeting:**

1. Roll call

Kimberly Storey- Present, Johnnie Collins- Present, Tonia Vickery- Present, Kailey Newbrough- Present, Jerra Icenhower- Present, Scotia Holdsworth- Present, Stacie McCormick- Present

2. Call to order

Jerra Icenhower, Board Chairman, calls meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

3. Approve Agenda

Added to agenda: Discuss and/or vote on City Engineer to draw up tentative park plans.

Jerra Icenhower: This is time sensitive and I just found out about this information Thursday evening.

Vickery makes a motion to approve agenda, McCormick seconded.

Vote: Storey- yes, Collins- yes, Vickery- yes, Newbrough- yes, Icenhower- yes, Holdsworth- yes, McCormick- yes

Vote Yes- 7 No-0

**Public Forum:**

Shannon Pollock (community member)

States that he would like to try to change our sports program slowly to be more competitive. He comes from Illinois but has been here for 13 years and would like to see our kids get more competitive. With us being a small town we need to have more of a competitive edge. Try to teach adversity and sportsmanship on another level. Our kids are going to get hit hard as they get out into the real world. Would like to start with one sports program and try to do a local township conference with surrounding small towns. Some of our kids are able to go to Springfield for club sports but with the costs, some of our local kids are unable to afford it. Maybe we could start with baseball and get in contact with surrounding small towns (3rd/4th grade maybe). This way, whenever we get to junior high, now we have more confident kids. I would like to try to implement this.

Icenhower: We will get that discussion put on for our February meeting.

**Business Meeting:**

1. Employee Reports

Craig: Provided quote for grass seed for ball fields. It hasn't been fertilized in a handful of years and that is included in the bid as well. Total comes to \$883.87.

Icenhower: Fields need some love. Three sports are impacted.

Vickery makes a motion to move forward with fertilizing and reseeding the turf. Collins seconded.

Storey- yes, Collins- yes, Vickery- yes, Newbrough- yes, Icenhower- yes, Holdsworth- yes, McCormick- yes

Vote: Yes-7 No-0

Concerning the bids for our shop and office space. Icenhower: Went over some of the bid numbers for the Park Board shop and office. Discuss mini split option for heating/air. It seems like the quotes were very high. McCormick: We can't have windows unless we put bars on it because people keep breaking in.

Vickery: Do we want to get working on the main building with the bids we have? Even before we would consider putting in A/C and heat, we would need to get the windows and doors taken care of.

McCormick makes a motion to accept the bid from Armondo Botello to block in the old windows (\$1400) and the bid from Doors and More to put in 2 new doors (\$1012). Vickery seconded.

Storey- yes, Collins- abstain, Vickery- yes, Newbrough- yes, Icenhower- yes, Holdsworth- yes, McCormick- yes

Vote Yes- 6 No-0 Abstained-1

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Vickery to Craig: Is there something in these bids that needs to be done immediately? Craig: not necessarily. If that's going to be a maintenance building, I don't think we necessarily need Air Conditioning. Discussion about mini splits and getting more bids. Insulation: Bolivar Insulation is reputable. Their bid (\$1881) is for ceiling and walls.

Vickery makes a motion to move forward with Bolivar Insulation \$1881.00 for open cell spray foam insulation and to approve the lumber purchase so that we can build a wall to hold the insulation. (S) Icenhower seconded.

Storey- yes, Collins- yes, Vickery- yes, Newbrough- yes, Icenhower- yes, Holdsworth- yes, McCormick- yes  
Vote: Yes-7 No-0

Icenhower: We are going to hold off on the heat and air for now until we can get some more bids. Speak with Country Boys. We may consider buying the unit and paying someone to install it.

Shawn: I agree 100% with Shannon and how our rules are for some of our older kids. How strict do we want the rules to be? Icenhower: there's no reason why we can't condition the older levels so that they are ready to move up. I feel like we are moving in that direction. I agree that maybe the 5th/6th grade level needs to be stepped up a bit. Shawn: Every year you should progress a little bit. By 5th/6th they should know just about what they will be doing in 7th grade. Vickery: I think we are all on the same page. (J) Icenhower: I wouldn't be opposed to having a try-out team (one team to start). Shannon (community member): I think there are enough kids in this town that you could start out with 2 teams. Icenhower: I think right now we need to start with that progression of rules and competition for our older kids.

Icenhower: does anyone have an issue of having baseball through June and July. This means 3 nights a week we need to have the concession stand open and volunteers. Parents rely on the concession stand for dinner. Maybe we could consider paying someone for the summer concessions. Are we okay with the full year calendar that Shawn has provided us? We will start soccer registration this week. McCormick: how many seasons a child has played could be on the forms. Some members feel that we should not allow teams to be stacked by having players who have played for years request a certain coach. Other members feel that if they aren't able to continue this way, we will lose a lot of players or possibly even full teams. Shawn: There is no way to solve this problem and make everybody happy. Icenhower: we need to add on our registration forms any needs that the child may have that way the parents/child and coach are all on the same page. Shawn: What kind of jerseys do you want for soccer? Icenhower: definitely dry fit. Kacie Counterman: my kids love their basketball jerseys. Shawn: Wise Guys does screen printing and we can get them through there. (J) Icenhower: Since some people have preferences on fit, we could do soccer socks instead of shorts.

Vickery makes a motion that we do dry-fit shirts with white (\$14.60 each) and soccer socks. Storey seconded.

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Vote Yes-6 No-1

Shawn: I don't think we need scorekeepers for soccer. The referees can keep track of the scores. (J) Icenhower: I think we need to increase registration cost. When we are providing nicer uniforms, it's going to cost more, but people are going to be happier. I don't want to raise the rates too much but even \$5 to help with increasing costs. If we raised it to \$40 that's a \$10 increase. Shannon: I think \$45. What the parents don't know is that you guys aren't breaking even. Vickery: I think \$40 and then \$50 for late registration.

Vickery makes a motion that we raise registration to \$40 and late registration to \$50. McCormick seconded.

Storey- yes, Collins- yes, Vickery- yes, Newbrough- yes, Icenhower- yes, Holdsworth- yes, McCormick- yes  
Vote Yes-7 No-0

Icenhower makes a motion that we approve all spoken soccer changes so that we can move forward.  
Holdsworth seconded.

Storey- yes, Collins- yes, Vickery- yes, Newbrough- yes, Icenhower- yes, Holdsworth- yes, McCormick- yes  
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Kacie Counterman: Instead of doing everything ourselves for the Easter Event, my thought is to partner with the Chamber and see if we could do a petting zoo. The Fluffy Farm is an option (\$295 first hour and \$195 for additional hours. >10 miles over radius, +\$1/mile). They come out of Rogersville. I don't want to take away from their event so I thought if we could partner with them that would be more beneficial. I am talking to them now about partnering but waiting to hear about the petting zoo. Requesting budget of \$600.

Vickery makes a motion for a \$600 budget for Easter and to give Kacie the ability to choose something else under \$600 if the petting zoo is not available. (S) Icenhower seconded.

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Holdsworth left the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Icenhower: Spoke with an engineer to draw up some of our park ideas. We can't go to the Board of Alderman and ask without a plan. I would like to have a \$1400 blueprint/plan drawn up so that we can present it to the Board of Alderman.

Icenhower makes a motion to approve \$1400 for a tentative park plan to be drawn up by the City Planner, Andy. Vickery seconded.

Storey- yes, Collins- yes, Vickery- yes, Newbrough- yes, Icenhower- yes, McCormick- yes  
Vote Yes-6 No-0

## 2. Treasurer Report

Vickery: Our total budget is not accurate because Larry had to estimate on some numbers. A better/more accurate budget will be coming in April/May. Last month \$13525.72 came in. However, we don't always have sponsorships and registrations bringing money in so that will fluctuate.

So far we have spent about \$700 on food for concessions and we have made about \$1200.

Icenhower: it feels like we are in pretty good shape. Our mindset needs to be that we have our park projects to look forward to and saving for those.

Vickery: We need to get a hot dog roller for the concession stand. McCormick: We would like to do pulled pork instead of burgers. We could also do pizzas. The next report meeting we will have all the details on what we need to order.

## 3. Committee Reports

Included in Employee reports.

## 4. Approve Park Board Minutes

Icenhower makes a motion to approve park board minutes from last month. McCormick seconded.

Storey- yes, Collins- yes, Vickery- yes, Newbrough- yes, (J) Icenhower- yes, McCormick- yes  
Vote Yes-6 No-0

(J) Icenhower makes a motion to adjourn the open meeting at 8:50 pm.

Next meeting is February 12th, 2024 at 6:00 pm

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Kailey Newbrough, Secretary