

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022
7:00 PM
BOARD ROOM, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 210 COTTONWOOD AVENUE

Present: Tim Hallquist, Curt Gundrum, Nick Miller, Randy Ferrell, Shanta' de Boer and Craig Eisenhut.
Others: Dave Felkner, Kelli Yogerst.
Absent: Rick Conner

7:02 PM Call to Order

Public comments for those items not included on this agenda: (Please be advised the Park and Recreation Board will receive information from the public for a three-minute time period per person with time extensions per the Park and Recreation Chairperson's discretion. Be it further advised that there may be limited discussion on the information received, however, no action will be taken under public comments.)

1. Consideration of a motion to approve the Park and Recreation minutes of the December 6, 2021, Park Board meeting-

Motion (Gundrum/Miller) to approve the Park and Recreation minutes of December 6, 2021, minutes with correction on vote count on agenda item #6. Carried (6-0).

Public Works Items-

2. Discussion and possible consideration on current field rental policy -

Felkner said the Park Board needs to discuss a couple things on the Field Reservation Policy. He read the field usage priority list, and he said we should prioritize them instead of lumping them together in a lump sum. He said today is the first day to reserve fields for 2022 and 2 different user groups showed up at the counter this morning. He said I think we should specify and prioritize these groups. Someone asked if they are sponsored groups and Felkner said no. Felkner said Hartland Youth Baseball changed their name to Lake Country Youth Baseball and Softball so they could attract from outside. He said they are probably the biggest Arrowhead feeder, but they still draw outside of Hartland. There was discussion on the priority of groups in the Field Reservation policy. Hallquist gave several options, including raising the fees, redefine the whole list, drop the residence name from #2, or we could also do a draft for the groups that want to rent the field. Question was asked why there are specifically named programs within this document. Hallquist said the reason why those are in there, is because those are the groups that use our fields all the time. Felkner said LOL use Nixon exclusively and sell products out of the Canteen to help that help profited their program and they pay us rent and utilities. He said HAAA is the same at Bark River and they put in the lights. He said LCYBS just paid the Village \$7000 to put up a batting cage and they built the dugouts at Hartbrook, Penbrook and Centennial so that's why we name

those groups specifically. Hallquist said we could drop the residence, non-residence and make it one fee, but if 2 groups show up at the same time, what do you do. Felkner said tonight he suggests get some kind of organization in this. He said fields are so expensive to prep and schools charge a lot that's why they come to municipalities. Hallquist said it seems obvious that the Village sponsored programs get first dibs. Felkner explained the baseball teams under each user group. He said under LCYBS has Hartland Hawks, Lady Hawks, boys club, girls club and Legion. He said under HAAA there is men's softball, co-ed, Oilers, and Kickball. And he said under the Village is T-Ball. Hallquist clarified that when LCYBS comes into reserve fields they are reserving fields for all these groups and Felkner said that is correct. Question asked if they are a private entity and Felkner said they are private, but they help pay for different things and HAAA paid for the lights, they pay for the utilities and electricity down there. There was brief discussion on rearranging the priority list and who has ties to Hartland. Felkner said right now we will have to sit down with the 2 groups. It was stated the second group is a group that broke off from LCYBS. Hallquist said the hope is they can compromise. There was discussion on the 2 groups and who uses what fields. Hallquist brought up that the Village has some land, and if it could be turned into another field in the future. Felkner said the Board needs to decide how to proceed with the priority list. Hallquist mentioned what if we have 1 field left open. Felkner brought up the 20% charge if they cancel before March. There was brief discussion on a penalty cancelling before March and when user groups generally get their schedules done. Farrell said he would like to know how many cancellations there has been in the last several years. Felkner said he thinks the board needs to think about this and bring it back. He said the last thing he wanted to talk about was the liability policy on page 2 and he thinks it should be \$1,000,000.00. Hallquist said we should table this and come back next month for priority list and liability policy fee.

Motion (Eisenhut/Ferrell) to table discussion of the current field rental policy. (6-0).

Recreation Director-

3. Update related to Ice Rink-

Yogerst said the Ice Rink is open and briefly talked about the video Blue Bell did of the ice rink. She said they have not had any more sponsors come in, but they are still accepting donations. Hallquist asked when Blue Bell Realty will have hot chocolate at the Ice Rink. Yogerst said they said possibly next weekend, but they have not come yet to pick up the key for warming shed. Yogerst said DPW has received a gift from Canada which is an ice mower to shave the ice and make it nice and smooth. Question was asked about possibly getting a chiller for the ice rink. Felkner said

4. Discussion and possible consideration of a contract related to a Carnival-

Yogerst said there has been no response from the Carnival vendor, she has tried to reach out to him several times. Felkner said it has to go before Park Board the 1st week of February and it has to go before the Village Board the 2nd week of February because otherwise it won't be advertised. Felkner asked what about a smaller carnival. Eisenhut suggested reaching out to other Carnival vendors.

Motion (Ferrell/Eisenhut) to table discussion of the Carnival until February. (6-0).

- 5. Announcements: It is not completed that these matters will be discussed or acted upon and may include items for future consideration. The following individuals may provide announcements: Park and Recreation Board members or other Village Staff members.**

Next meeting is scheduled for February 7th.

6. Adjourn-

Motion (Ferrell/Gundrum) to adjourn. Carried (6-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted By Recording Secretary,

Deidre Bushey- Deputy Clerk