

PARK BOARD MINUTES 02/13/2025

Date and time: 02/13/2025 5:30 pm

Present: Renee Graham, Jerra Hedges, Michael Shindler, Kathy Omohundro, Larry Doyle Jr., Council Liaison Bob Washington, Mayor Steve Myers, Parks and Recreation Superintendent Sharlene McArtor, Director of Administration Courtney Doyle, City Clerk Kathie Ratliff, Assistant Director of Administration Sam Shults, Deputy City Clerk Marissa Peneston, Assistant Parks and Recreation Superintendent Tara O'Shea, and Golf Course Operations Manager Janey Martin

Absent: Wayne Bill, Lindsey Pace-Snook, Cecil Brandt, CFO Dustin Dougherty

Location: Legends Rec-Plex

DISCUSSION

1. CALL TO ORDER.

The meeting was called to order at 5:46 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was noted. Five members were present, three members (Bill, Pace-Snook, Brandt) were absent, quorum met.

3. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

There were no comments.

4. MINUTES

Decision: Motion was made by Larry Doyle Jr. and Seconded by Kathy Omohundro to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2025 meeting of the Park Board. All in favor, three members (Bill, Pace-Snook, Brandt) absent, minutes approved as presented.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Updates

a) Carver Park

The plan for two new basketball courts is progressing and the bid will close on Tuesday, February 18th. The Parks and Recreation Department is applying for grants and will have another community meeting once more plans are known.

b) Fee Waiving

Superintendent McArtor provided a detailed list of fees that were waived last year. After a lengthy discussion, the board decided to stand by their original recommendation for the City Council of waving no fees. A secondary recommendation was reached to give the council an alternative if they do not approve of the original recommendation.

Decision Renee Graham made a motion, and Larry Doyle seconded it, to waive 20% of Legends Rec Plex's facility rental fee with proof of an organization 501 3c status. Four in favor, one opposed (Omohundro), and three absent (Bill, Pace-Snook, Brandt), motion

passed. It was clarified that a deposit would still be required and the discount is for the facility only and would not apply to the setup or tear-down fees.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Upcoming Recreational Programs

A flyer of upcoming events was presented for February and March. There are upcoming events for all ages including mini cheer, youth kickball, and yoga. Spring program guides have been finalized and have been sent to the printer.

Legends

a) Memberships

When comparing membership numbers from January 2024 to January 2025 Legends has seen an increase of 61 members. Year-to-date membership data is being compiled and will be presented in March. Staff are still working on corporate membership packages and will hopefully be ready for the board to review at the next meeting.

b) Program Participation

Assistant Superintendent O'Shea reviewed participation numbers from the January events, highlighting that the yoga class is always full.

c) Back Entry Check-In

At Legends, there has been an ongoing problem with nonmembers entering through the downstairs back entrance. To address this, a designated staff area has been added on the lower level to monitor the member entrance. If a member is caught letting a nonmember in through the back entrance they may face repercussions.

Tanglewood

a) Golf Show

Golf Course Operations Manager Martin recently attended a golf show in St. Charles. It was a three-day show that had over 45,000 attendees. The show resulted in Martin booking several golfers to come and play the Tanglewood course.

b) Clubhouse Remodel

New flooring is being installed in the clubhouse and should be finished tomorrow. Martin reported the layout change that was new last year has worked out wonderfully and allows staff to greet everyone who comes into the clubhouse.

Mission Statement

The current mission statement is as follows. "The mission of the City of Fulton Parks and Recreation Department is to develop, operate, and maintain park and recreation facilities as well as administer quality recreational, cultural, and social programs and events that enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Fulton." Thoughts and feedback from the board were requested.

MPRA Conference

Four staff members will be attending this conference in Branson next week. Superintendent McArtor shared the conference schedule allowing the board to see what classes will be offered.



Other

The Parks and Recreation Department is still working on the Wall of Legends and Sponsorship opportunities.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Park Board meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Decision Motion was made by Larry Doyle Jr. and Seconded by Renee Graham to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m. All in favor, three absent (Bill, Pace-Snook, Brandt).

Respectfully submitted,
Marissa Peneston
Deputy Clerk