

Swisher Parks and Recreation Board

Meeting Minutes June 19th, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 8:00pm by Ed Kringle

Introduced new Board Member Amanda Stallman

Citizens Present: Mayor Julie Persons, Brittany Brown, Jacob Hargrafen, and Frank from Swisher Youth Sports Committee, Julie Shelton

Roll Call: Ed, Mitch, Jared, Amanda

Agenda was approved

Minutes from the April 17, 2024 meeting were approved

April and May Revenue and Expense Reports reviewed and approved

Consideration to Purchase Equipment:

- a. Ball Diamond Fence toppers-several are severely weathered/had holed and were discarded.
- b. Batting Cage net-there are several holes in the net

Youth Program Organizer Transition:

- a. Megan Hanson is stepping down. Introduce new organizers
- b. Finances and supply purchases
 - i. Youth Sports registration fees come to City, City purchase supplies/and equipment for youth sports programs-email what is needed to City Clerk rather than just stop in and tell Shelley- Discussion on how a 501c(3) is the best route moving forward for the Youth Sports program.
- c. Review of role/responsibilities for park maintenance
 - i. Finish dugout roof ask Cody if there is plan on getting that finished up soon or if we need to set up a volunteer work day.
 - ii. Field Painting-Organizers or coaches do this. Currently we are using Big Country Seed in Tiffin for the making chalk/lime. Brittany said that she would check with 5 Star to see if they carry it.
 - iii. Shed and equipment stored
 1. Shed organization- Jared said he would send out a Google Doodle to set up a day to go through and clean out the little shed at the

ball diamond. Ed and Amanda are planning on going through the white shed by City Hall to get rid of any Parks stuff that may be in there that we don't need anymore, and to see what we have that we do.

2. Public Works employee's reminder to clean up fields after use so we don't hit any equipment and damage the mowers.
- iv. Garbage-collection and disposal- Discussion on adding a \$50 minimum fee for misuse of Retail Facilities, and making sure that the people renting the shelter or the concession stand know that they can use the dumpster at the park to clean up after themselves with. If there is a lock on the dumpster, making sure that the renters know that they have a key for it along with the key they pick up when using the facility.
- v. Restrooms-Check restrooms after practices and games/tournaments. If a mess is found, cleaning supplies are located in concession stand.- Impose cleaning fee
- vi. Other-Discussion was had on who owed the batting cage because the netting has some holes in it. Ed stated that the C.R. Reds originally bought and put up the cage, as well as did a lot of the field maintenance. Now that they have stopped using the field, nobody knows who should be in charge of it anymore.

Fence toppers need replacing as many are missing and many more are broken. Ed said that he would get a measurement of the fence to get an idea of how much it would cost to replace all of them.

9. Public Comment- Julie Shelton would like to do something in memoriam of Michael Pence, a longtime Swisher resident and avid softball player. The Parks Board said that they would think about some items that would be a good fit and discuss it again at the July meeting.

10. Correspondence Received-

a. 4-1-24- Request to turn tennis courts into pickle ball courts and 5-20-24 Request to have tennis courts resurfaced with "regular tennis court finish" and add pickleball lines

b. Public Works does not believe pickleball nets or stands have been purchased.

11. Meeting was adjourned at 9:03