

Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 11, 2024 Noon at Manchester Recreation Center

In attendance: AJ Fox- Director, Becki Johnson- Assistant Director, Katie West- Activities Coordinator, , Gilberto Infante- Athletics Coordinator, Leslie Trussler, Brent Parsley, Dr. Prater Powell, Julie Anderson- Alderman, Nathan Havenner- Manchester Times, Tiffany Clutter- Thunder Radio, Erin Kehely- Citizen, Alaina Murry- Citizen.

1. Approval of meeting minutes from Thursday, March 14, 2024- Motion made by Alderman Julie Anderson with a second by Dr. Prater Powell, all approved.
2. Citizen Comments
 - A. Opening day for baseball and softball took place on Saturday, April 6. All games went well, everyone who attended had a good time. Field sharing between Fastpitch and Slow Pitch softball has also been working well thus far.
3. Programs Report
 - A. Lifeguard Course – April's class has a total of 11 participants.
 - B. Spring Break Camp – 11 children total came to Spring Break Camp March 25, 2024 through March 29, 2024. All was well.
 - C. Underwater Egg Hunt – The annual Underwater Egg Hunt took place on Friday, March 22, 2024 and hosted 120 participants between 5pm and 7pm set up times. All participants had a good time.
 - D. Spring Egg Hunt – The annual Spring Egg Hunt took place on Saturday, March 30 and was sponsored by West Plumbing and Electric. There was a very good turnout for both egg hunts, one at 1pm and the second at 8pm.
 - E. Amazing Family Night – The next upcoming Amazing Family Night will be held on April 19, 2024 from 7pm to 9pm sponsored by Kiwanis Club.
4. Maintenance
 - A. Therapy Pool Heater – The old therapy pool heater has now been replaced with an entirely new heating unit for \$32,060 by C&H and Comfort Group.
 - B. Sports Field Maintenance – New fencing has been installed in some of the dugout areas. . The new LED lighting project and ADA improvements will begin on or after July 1. The project currently has a 120 day contract time for completion. In other news, the temporary scoreboard on the Babe Ruth field will soon be replaced with a new scoreboard that Westwood will be purchasing.

5. Old Business

- A. TDEC Grant Intent to Apply – The Manchester Parks and Recreation Department withdrew their intent to apply for a TDEC grant to make ADA improvements and convert lighting to LED at the three-remaining baseball/softball fields. The reason being is that the department's current five-year plan does not meet the minimum requirements of a TDEC five-year plan. In addition, the department currently has an open LPRF grant. The current grant will need to be completed before the department can hold another LPRF grant. The department could apply for an LWCF grant but was advised that this type of grant was not advised due to the added costs of environmental surveys on an existing park.
- B. Basketball Gym Floor/Weight Room Floor – All areas of the Recreation Complex, including the basketball gym and weight room, are now fully back open after extensive floor repairs. There are still a few small projects to complete with the weight room flooring, but it is fully functional.
- C. Security Cameras – Bankpak started the installation of security cameras around the Recreation Complex on Monday, April 8, 2024. It is projected that the project will take two weeks to complete. Flock will install the parking lot cameras on Friday, April 19, 2024.
- D. Ballfield Lighting Grant – The lights at the ballfields will begin to be replaced by C&H in July 2024.
- E. Waterslide Refurbishment – The refurbishment of the two big outdoor slides has started by ARC Construction and is projected to be completed by May 1, 2024.
- F. Waterslide Replacement – Designs for the outdoor playset slides are currently in the works by Watersplash.

6. New Business

- A. Athletic Field Use Allocation Policy – Alderman Julie Anderson has strongly suggested that a functional field use policy be put into place soon to make sharing the fields more productive for the members of both softball leagues and the youth baseball league. It has been determined that the best way to split the field usage appropriately is solely based on league numbers. All leagues have been asked to provide numbers to bring together and figure out a usage plan that works based on that.

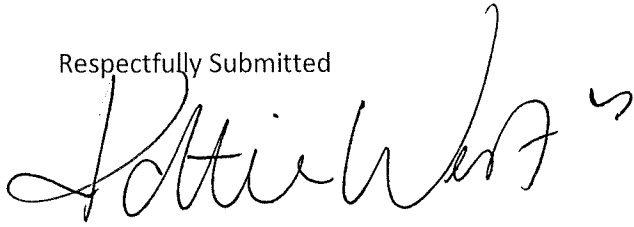
7. Items from the Recreation Commission

- A. Leslie Trussler mentioned that some of the hand weights in the group fitness room need replaced. Becki Johnson mentioned that J.B. was in the process of looking for replacements. The challenge is finding a vendor that will sell the sizes that are needed. Most vendors set hand weights in sets of multiple pounds.

8. Next Meeting: Thursday, May 9, 2024 at Noon

9. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katie West", with a small flourish at the end.

Katie West

Activities Coordinator