

Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 13, 2024 Noon at Manchester Recreation Center

In attendance: AJ Fox- Director, Katie West- Activities Coordinator, , Nicholas Gonder- Recreation Specialist, Leslie Brasfield, Stan Rogers, Brent Parsley, Dr. Prater Powell, Julie Anderson- Alderman, Nathan Havenner- Manchester Times, Tiffany Clutter- Thunder Radio, Lori West- Tourism, Alaina Murry- Citizen.

1. Approval of meeting minutes from Thursday, May 9, 2024- Motion made by Leslie Brasfield with a second by Alderman Julie Anderson, all approved.
2. Citizen Comments
 - A. The Safety Committee is in the process of getting and installing AEDs for Fred Deadman and Dave King Park. There will also be new partitions installed into all of the park restrooms.
3. Programs Report
 - A. **Outdoor Club** – Currently canceled due to lack of participants (two total). Recreation Specialist and club leader, Nicholas Gonder, has proposed that Outdoor Club be revamped at a later date with changes to its time and cost.
 - B. **Adult Basketball League** – There are currently eight teams registered. The first game of the league will be held on Saturday, June 22.
 - C. **5-Kegger & Cornhole Tournament** – Canceled due to lack of participants (three total). Recreation Specialist Nicholas Gonder, who is in charge of the event, has met with Common John (event co-host) and both have mutually agreed to start planning next year's 5-Kegger starting on June 24, 2024. They both seem to think that the lack of interest is due to its seemingly high registration fee of \$35.
 - D. **July 4th Celebration** – The 4th of July Celebration will be held on Thursday, July 4th from 6pm to 9pm. There are currently three food truck vendors that will open at 6pm. Burning Las Vegas will provide live music beginning at 7pm, followed by music sync fireworks provided by Thunder Radio (music) and Pyro Shows (fireworks) starting at 9pm.
4. Maintenance
 - A. **Therapy Pool Heater** – REA has installed strainers inside of the new therapy pool heater to catch debris and calcium in the water flowing through it to attempt to prevent build up that could damage the heater. It has further been determined that the water that runs through the heater is hard water and is recommended to be remedied with a water softener.

5. Old Business

A. None.

6. New Business

- A. **Ice Skating Rink** – The Tourism Committee and the Recreation Department are going to be partnering in December to open a temporary ice skating project via a grant provided to Tourism. The project itself is projected to cost \$43,000 from December 2, 2024 to December 22, 2024 with another \$7,300 for staffing. A \$10 admission fee has been suggested to cover these costs. A motion of approval for the \$10 fee is made by Dr. Prater Powell with a second by Leslie Brasfield. All approve.
- B. **Farmers Market Produce Prices** – Recreation Specialist, Nicholas Gonder, would like to sell fresh produce from the Community Garden at the Parks and Recreation Farmers Market. A price list has been provided to members of the Recreation Commission for approval. A motion of approval of prices is made by Alderman Julie Anderson with a second by Stan Rogers. All approve.
- C. **Swim Instructor Job Description** – The same job description for Swim Instructors is still implemented, with a slight change in education and certification requirements. A motion of approval for these four changes is made by Alderman Julie Anderson with a second by Dr. Prater Powell. All approve.
- D. **5-Year Recreation Center Maintenance Plan** – There are many repairs that need to be made within the Recreation Complex, the first round of funding being dedicated to the pool. It is estimated to cost \$1,129,150 to make the first necessary repairs including repairing the indoor pool pump room and re-plastering the outdoor pool. The HVAC system within the Recreation Complex also needs to be repaired to maintain these repairs as they happen to prevent damage to new fixes. It is estimated to cost \$714,400 without re-plastering the outdoor pool. Both of these prices will be presented to the Finance Committee and Board of Mayor and Alderman for approval of one or the other as recommended by the Recreation Commission. It has also been updated that Don Kennedy Roofing has a plan in place to repair the parking lot before July 7, 2024. A motion of approval for this conversation is made by Leslie Brasfield with a second by Alderman Julie Anderson. All approve.

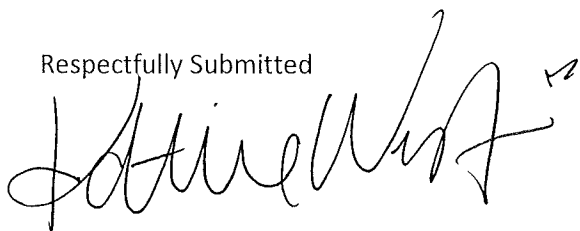
7. Items from the Recreation Commission

- A. The Recreation Commission has been informed by Director AJ Fox that Aquatics Director, Colt Pittman, has resigned and is working out his two-week notice. Colt's last day will be June 22, 2024.

8. Next Meeting: Thursday, July 11, 2024 at Noon

9. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted

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Katie West

Activities Coordinator