

## Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 8, 2024 Noon at Manchester Recreation Center

In attendance: AJ Fox- Director, Becki Johnson- Assistant Director, Katie West- Activities Coordinator, , Nicholas Gonder- Recreation Specialist, Berto Infante- Athletics Coordinator, Cierra Shadrick-Kujawa- Aquatics Manager, Stan Rogers, Brent Parsley, Dr. Prater Powell, Julie Anderson- Alderman, Joey Hobbs- Mayor Elect, Nathan Havenner- Manchester Times, Katie Northcott- Thunder Radio.

1. Approval of meeting minutes from Thursday, June 13, 2024- Motion made by Brent Parsley with a second by Alderman Julie Anderson. All approve.
2. Citizen Comments
  - A. None.
3. Programs Report
  - A. **Dusty Elam Basketball** – Registration will be held August 26, 2024 to September 2, 2024 with games beginning in October. The cost will be \$50 per child, and a coach’s draft will be held to select teams.
  - B. **Homeschool P.E.** – The first day will be Monday, August 26, 2024. Homeschool P.E. will now be held every other Monday, Wednesday, and Friday based on age.
  - C. **After School Program** – There are currently six children enrolled for the present school year.
  - D. **Summer Day Camp** – The last day of camp was Friday, July 26, 2024. The summer went very smooth with roughly 75 children enrolled each week.
  - E. **Sensory Sensitive Saturday** – The event in July was canceled due to the outdoor pool being down, but there will be one held on August 10, 2024 from 5:30pm – 7:30pm sponsored by Southland Pharmacy.
  - F. **Amazing Family Night** – A regular schedule will resume now that summer is over and a possible date for September.
4. Maintenance
  - A. **Therapy Pool Heater** – As discussed in previous meetings, it has been determined that the heating element inside of the new heater has been continuously destroyed due to the water flowing through it calcifying and piling up on the bottom. Though there have been strainers installed, REA has come back to elevate the heaters in hopes to slow the build-up and prevent damage. It has also been recommended to regularly backwash the heater water to flush out any build up. If all of these methods show no progress, it is recommended to look into a water softening system to prevent the water from calcifying at all.

- B. **Outdoor Pool** – In early July (July 10 – July 17, 2024), the outdoor pool had to be closed down for a week due to a sand filter rupturing. The rupture caused the water inside of the filter to pour out into the pump room, making its way to one of the outdoor pool motors and ruining it, causing it to short. A new motor was installed to allow the outdoor pool to regain function, and there are currently three out of four filters running to maintain the outdoor pool.

#### 5. Old Business

- A. **Ball Field Lighting Grant** – All of the wooden poles have been removed by C&H Commercial Contractors, who have also installed new concrete bases for the installation of the new metal poles.

#### 6. New Business

- A. **Farmers Market Produce Prices** – Recreation Specialist, Nicholas Gonder, has proposed a new list of fall produce items to be grown in the garden. These items include squash, zucchini, and pumpkins. He has also requested to hold an abbreviated fall season for those to participate in the garden from August to November for \$35 per plot. The new produce prices hold a motion of approval by Alderman Julie Anderson and Brent Parsley, approved by all. The fall abbreviated garden season and price hold a motion of approval by Alderman Julie Anderson with a second by Stan Rogers, approved by all.
- B. **Kudzu Clean-Up** – Recreation Specialist, Nicholas Gonder, has arranged for a volunteer-driven kudzu clean-up down the greenway at the Soccer Park using herbicide to aid in the process. The clean-up will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2024. The project has been put out to let those know what is going on in the park.
- C. **New Aquatics Manager Introduction** – After previous Aquatics Manager, Colt Pittman, resigned, Cierra Shadrick-Kujawa has since taken over the position.
- D. **Possible Shutdown Dates** – Normally, the Recreation Complex does its annual maintenance shutdown in mid-September. In 2024, shutdown fell during March 11, 2024 to March 15, 2024 in correspondence with the upstairs weight room and downstairs basketball gym projects. It has been determined that another, shorter shutdown needs to happen in September to maintain building cleanliness. The dates of this shutdown are planned to be September 3, 2024, to September 5, 2024.

#### 7. Items from the Recreation Commission

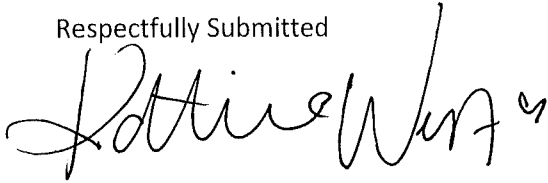
- A. At the previous Recreation Commission meeting, a discussion about AEDs in the park had occurred. That process is still in motion to occur and Aquatics Manager, Cierra Shadrick-Kujawa, has volunteered to train concessions staff appropriately to use them when they are in.

B. A field allocation policy for the baseball and softball leagues has been discussed to provide a positive experience for all parties involved. A draft for the policy is in process.

8. Next Meeting: Thursday, September 12, 2024 at Noon.

9. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted

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Katie West

Activities Coordinator

