

Seymour Parks & Recreation Department
Board Minutes
June 10, 2024, at 4 pm

Seymour Parks & Recreation Board met at Seymour City Hall on Monday, June 10, at 4 p.m. Members in attendance were Monica Riley, Kendra Zumhingst, Bethany Rust, and Art Juergens. Members of the Parks Department present were Chad Keithley, Tracey Cole, Allycen Wheeler, and Emily Goens. Also in attendance were Public Information Specialist January Rutherford, Dr. Charlie Calhoun, and EHS Director Paul Ramsey. From the Tribune, Chey Smith attended.

Monica called the meeting to order. A motion to approve the May minutes was made by Kendra and seconded by Art. Motion carried. A motion to approve May claims was made by Kendra and seconded by Bethany. Motion carried.

Bethany made a motion to approve both the 2211 and 2503-9 May balances, pending the correction of the beginning and end balances for 2211. Kendra seconded the motion. Motion carried for approval of both funds.

Updates:

- Chad met with Jackson County Health Department regarding the Westside Splash Pad; everything is satisfactory on their part of the process. They are working together to finalize the steps needed to check the water levels to ensure safety for the public. There are electricians and contractors there currently trying to complete the project. The splash pad is expected to be running this week. All Star Paving will begin pouring the asphalt for the Westside Park parking lot and basketball court this week.
- Chad discussed the signing of a document for the ADA bus policy. It is required in order to signify that the Park Board is aware of the ADA policy. Kendra made a motion that the Park Board approve this documentation to be able to solidify our transportation plan and file it with the state. Bethany seconded. Motion carried.
- Chad informed the Park Board of a complaint he received in regards to a tournament at Freeman Field. He investigated the situation the following Sunday, which ended in shutting the tournament down. Food and beverages that are not allowed in the park's facilities were being sold and stored in unsafe ways. This led to the suspension of further tournaments until discussion with the Park Board. The director of the league wrote a letter of apology with examples of what would be implemented if the league was reinstated from suspension. After discussion, Kendra made a motion to allow the director to proceed with the league for the remainder of the season. Art seconded, on the condition that Chad meets with the league director and there will be a police presence at the tournaments. Motion carried

Park Incidents:

- None at this time.

Program/Leagues Update:

- Foam Happy Event- We will be partnering with the Seymour Library to host this event. This will take place on June 21, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Shields Park. The event is free, with no registration required. Geared for children ages 2-12.
- Strawberry Moon 5K- This event will take place at Freeman Field Recreational Area on Friday, June 21, 2024. The race will begin at 10 p.m. Registration is open now and will be offered at 9 p.m. the night of the race. The fee is \$30 per person, which includes a T-shirt. There are currently 17 participants signed up.
- 4th of July Fireworks- This event will take place at Freeman Field Recreation Area. The Fabulous Hickbillies will be performing from 7 p.m. to dark, Concessions will be available and fireworks will begin at 10 p.m.
- Youth Kickball League- Games will be held Tuesday and Thursday nights at Kasting Park, starting at 6 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person. This event currently has 28 participants signed up. Ages range from 5 years old to 15 years old.
- Youth Fall Soccer- Registration is open and will be open until July 29, 2024. Tots ages 2 and 3 cost \$25 per person and U6 to U16 ages 4 to 15 cost \$60 per person. Games will begin Monday, August 19, 2024.

Reservation Requests:

- None at this time.

Miscellaneous Business:

- Kendra mentioned that a community member reached out to her in regards to installing a basketball goal at Kessler Park. She asked that it be considered in the future if funding becomes available.
- Kendra suggested placing signage at Gaiser Park informing the public that there is a new location for the bathrooms.
- Kendra asked about the pickleball courts at Gaiser. Chad explained that the concrete crews will be ripping out the sidewalk next Wednesday and Thursday. They will be putting in an 8 foot sidewalk joining the two courts together. Placing asphalt for the new pickleball courts is expected to begin on Wednesday, June 26, 2024. It must set for a minimum of 20 days to cure prior to lining the courts. They are projected to be finished within the next month.
- Bethany inquired about all of the park's camera surveillance. Chad informed everyone that the cameras in the park's do not work; they have been damaged by lightning. After lengthy discussion, it was discovered that the cameras were not repairable under warranty due to this happening after the 3 year warranty expired. Chad will be looking into the situation further for a solution.

Kendra made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bethany seconded. Motion carried.

The next Parks Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 8, at 4 p.m.