

Portage Park Board Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2022

Board Members Present: Jon Peer-Current Chair, Tara Gish-Elected Chair, Dustin Black, Daniel Jassim, Dawn Smith-Elected Vice Chair, Charles Mosser (by phone), and Una Metzger-Youth Advisory Committee

Absent (Excused): Kandarp Patel, Tim Young

Guest: Kathleen Hoyle-Director of Parks, Recreation, and Senior Center Services

Meeting was called to order at 6:50pm by Jon Peer

1. Introduction of Guest
2. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Motion to approve Daniel, second Dawn, motion passed
3. Approval of minutes
 - a. Motion to approve Dawn, second Tara, motion passed
 - b. Amendment to previous minutes-Tara Gish was excused absence in November
4. Approval of Bicycle minutes
 - a. Motion to approve Tara, second Dustin, motion passed
5. New business
 - a. Election of Secretary
 - i. Motion to elect Elanor-Dan, Second-Dawn, motion passed
 - b. Election of Chair
 - i. Motion to elect Tara-Dan, second-Dustin, motion passed
 - c. Election of Vice Chair
 - i. Motion to elect Dawn-Dan, second-Tara, motion passed
6. Financial Report-Jon Peer and Daniel Jassin
 - a. Review of report-balance of 3599.00
7. Park Department Report
 - a. Culinary Mixology-Wait List
 - b. Program insert will be in March flyer
 - c. Construction on Eliason will start this winter
 - d. MLK park design minor change in plans, bid end of January, tentative opening and ribbon cutting ceremony on Juneteenth
 - e. The mill damn, engineering bid, bridge to remain in place
 - f. Ramona Beach house improvements, kitchen and expansion, improvements include retail space with branded items
 - g. Pickle Ball courts at Ramona, tentative start in May 2022
 - h. Ice Rink-tentative opening in January as long as weather cooperates
8. Bicycle Advisory Committee update-Dustin Black
 - a. As of December 2021 there is a full board
 - b. Decisions are being made on focus of what wants to be accomplished in 2022
9. Youth Advisory-Una Metzger
 - a. Erica set up a Google Doc for writing down possible events and suggestions

10. Park Foundation-Jon Peer and Kathleen Hoyle
 - a. October Fest in consideration
 - b. ADA swing for wheelchairs
 - c. Memorial Garden
11. Park Reports-member
 - a. Nothing to report
 - b. All parks are assigned
12. Traditional Holiday-Tara Gish and Dawn Smith
 - a. Gave out lots of cookies and approximately 2500 people (consider a way to count participants)
 - b. LMCU volunteers very helpful
 - c. Suggest dog treats
 - d. Suggest allergen free alternatives and gluten free cookies
13. Calendar of events
 - a. Reviewed and approved (motion Dustin, second Dawn)
 - b. Battle of the Bands in July-Daniel Jassim
 - i. Discussion about beer and wine tent
 - ii. Location-South Westnedge or Central Park
 - iii. Food Trucks vs. catering
 - iv. Stipend for participants
 - v. Set length
 - vi. Park Ranger assistance
 - vii. Dan Jassim-will write up plan for next meeting
 - c. Bicycle Valet at Farmers Market-Dustin Black
 - i. Designated area
 - ii. Board members volunteer
 - iii. No vote-members think it's good idea
14. Meetings for Year
 - a. Motion-Dan, Second-Dawn, motion passed
15. Activity Report-all good
16. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm