



GENESEO PARK DISTRICT

Advisory Committee Minutes

May 20, 2024

4:00 p.m.

The mission of the Geneseo Park District is to enhance the quality of life in our community by providing a positive recreational experience for all.

ATTENDING:

Melissa Olson, Brent Starkey, Marty Golby, Andy Thurman, Scott Himmelman, Andrew Sigwalt

Not Present: Kory Lambert, Tricia Hull

FOLLOW UP FROM LAST MEETING:

- None

COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS:

- Mrs. Olson commented on the Splash Pad being open this week. She attended this weekend and said that the weather was beautiful and there was a lot of people out there.
- Mrs. Olson asked if we were getting new chairs for over at the Aquatic Center. Mr. Thurman mentioned that new chairs were ordered and have already arrived for this season.
- Mrs. Olson asked if Saturday morning classes would return in the fall. Mr. Sigwalt commented that Saturday morning classes should return in the fall. The Hospital is making a staffing change and we will be working with the new staff to figure out schedules.
- Mr. Golby asked about the General Admission pricing for the Aquatic Center this summer. Mr. Thurman commented that the daily price for everyone is \$9.⁰⁰ (\$1.⁰⁰ increase from last year), and 1-year olds and under are free. It has been multiple years since we have raised the general admission. Mr. Thurman reminded everyone that people can apply for the FUNding Recreation scholarship.
- Mr. Golby asked if we had enough lifeguards for the Aquatic Center this summer. Mr. Thurman estimated that we hired about 40 guards for this season.
- Mr. Golby asked if there was a way to extend the pool hours after people get off work so there was more time for family or open swim times. Mr. Thurman explained that the main issue is the time slots for the Gators and regular swim lessons take up a lot of the time space that people would want. This could be something we look into once the Gators finish in November.

- Mr. Golby asked how the Community Garden plots were going this year. Mr. Sigwalt advised that only two of the gardens were purchased for this year.
- Mr. Starkey asked if we had any scholarship opportunities for swim lessons outside of the Free Lesson for 3rd Graders. We do have our FUNding Recreation program that people can apply for that can be used for memberships or programs.

NEWS FROM STAFF:

Notes from Mr. Thurman:

- The Park District and the Park District Foundation are offering many different Free Programs again this summer. We have our free swim lessons for 3rd graders, the Movie in the Park Series at the Athletic Field, the Flick N Float at the Aquatic Center, Back to School Bash in August, and free matinees at Central Theater. The Park District will also assist with Music Fest and Fireworks by bringing out the Bounce House, Inflatables and outdoor games to these events.
- The Summer Day Camp program is getting ready to start once school is out. The program has a planned field trip each week to places around town and a couple trips over to the Quad Cities. The big trips this year are to the Bettendorf Family Museum and Niabi Zoo.
- Shannon is planning on doing a Summer Bootcamp in June.
- The new garage at the north end of the parking lot is up and all the structural work is done. Next step is to run electricity to the building.
- The Park District will be working on a Master Plan over the next few months. Surveys will be going out to Members and Staff.

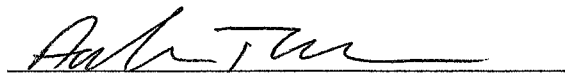
Notes from Mr. Himmelman

- Mr. Himmelman mentioned that the Summer Community Center Hours will begin the weekend after Memorial Day. This changes the weekend hours to 6am – 1pm. This stays in effect until after Labor Day.

ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business to come before the Committee the meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Approved By:



Andy Thurman, Executive Director
Geneseo Park District