

**Seymour Parks & Recreation Department**  
**Board Minutes**  
**June 12, 2023 at 4:00p.m.**

Seymour Parks & Recreation Board met at Seymour City Hall on Monday, June 12th, at 4 p.m. Members in attendance were Monica Riley, Kendra Zumhingst, and Art Juergens. Members of the Parks Department present were Stacy Findley, Tracey Cole, Allycen Wheeler, and Chad Keithley via zoom. Also in attendance were Mayor Matthew Nicholson, Public Information Specialist January Rutherford, Bri Roll, Jim Plump, Dustin Hiten and Karen Dringenburg. From the Tribune, Zach Spicer 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 the May claims was made by Art and seconded by Kendra. Motion carried.

Kendra made a motion to approve both the 502 and 506-9 May balances. Art seconded the motion. Motion carried for approval of both funds.

**Updates:**

- Karen Dringenburg, with Leadership Jackson County came to the meeting to discuss the finalization of her Leadership Jackson County Project she has been working on. She has been requesting to display signage at four park locations as well as Jackson County Public Library. The signage is to collaborate with the book written by Dr. Nate Otte publicizing Jackson County. There have been concerns of the signage; whether the placement of the signs would be a tripping hazard, cause damage to the flower beds, or if there were too many signs already present adding confusion to the area of the parks. After long discussion, Art made a motion that Stacy and park staff meet with Leadership Jackson County to get the signs displayed in the proper locations of the parks. Kendra seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - Kendra did suggest that there be a policy put into place for signage at park locations; she feels this would eliminate future issues.
- A cross-county parent, John Long, had asked to be added to the June agenda, but did not attend the meeting; Stacy gave a summary for the topic that he was asking to discuss. Stacy said officials with the city, Freeman Municipal Airport and Seymour Community School Corporation had met at the disc golf course to discuss what might be a potential hazard for the cross-country runners. She said they identified one basket that could be a potential problem, so they moved that basket to a different location. Stacy also said bushes have been trimmed back, and some foliage has been removed to increase visibility on the course. Stacy said the parks department will be posting signage stating the disc golf course will be closed when there is a cross-country meet. With the changes that have been made and the signage being added, everyone was in agreement that both the disc golf course and the cross-country meets would be able to use the space.

**Park Incidents:**

- Behind diamond one at Freeman Field, someone had lost control of their car while doing donuts or burn outs in the gravel lot. They struck the fence causing damage to one of the posts. Due to the high deductible with insurance we will be repairing this in house.

**Program/Leagues Update:**

- Battle of the Praise Bands - This event is scheduled for June 22, 2023 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Crossroads Park. There are currently two bands registered for this event.
- 3 on 3 Basketball - This league will start on July 5, 2023, from 6-9 p.m., on Tuesday nights for women, and Wednesday nights for men. This league will be at Gaiser Park, it is \$20 a player, and max four on a team. Matt Lucas, with Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance sponsored the league. There are currently four teams registered for this league.
- Fall Soccer - Registration started on June 5, 2023. There are currently 47 individuals registered for this league.
- Youth Kickball - Registration started April 17, 2023. There are currently 92 participants signed up for this league.
- Swim Lessons - Sign ups have started for swim lessons at Shields Park Pool. There are currently 110 individuals registered at this time.
- Pop-Up Party in the Park - June 2, 2023 we hosted a pop-up party at Westside Park. Free hot dogs, nachos, snow cones, and popcorn were served. The bouncy house was also a roaring success.
- Pop-Up Party in the Park - This event is scheduled for June 23, 2023 from 12-2:30 p.m. at Kessler Park.

**Reservation Requests:** None

**Miscellaneous Business:**

- Kendra wanted to address the fact that the Boggs are retiring from Shields Pool after this season. She was wanting to make sure this has been discussed and hopefully a plan has been established for the future. Stacy said she has been dreading the idea of losing the Boggs to retirement, and has simply been avoiding the topic. She says they will be hard to replace; they have been a tremendous asset to Shields pool.
- Kendra questioned what we were doing with the duathlon, if we were still having the event or if we were going to scrap it.
- Kendra questioned the update on Shields Kiddie pool wanting to know the progress. Stacy informed us that the detailed plan has been submitted by the city engineer to the Health Department. Dustin Hiten, from the Health Department stated that he has not received the plan as of June 12, 2023. Dustin said once the detailed plan is submitted and approved the construction can start on the kiddie pool immediately.
- Kendra suggested that signage be made for Shields Pool when it is closed that would provide a reason for the closure.

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

The next Parks Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 10th, at 4:00pm