

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
City of Mount Vernon
July 13, 2020

The Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Board met on July 13, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom virtual meeting with the following members present: Catherine Poduska, Loren Hoffman, Roman Meyers, Rory Wiebel and Sandra Fleckenstein. Also in attendance: Parks and Recreation Director, Matt Siders and Eagle Scout, Luke Stephens.

Approval of the Agenda. Motion made by Hoffmann, seconded by Wiebel to approve agenda. Carried all.

Approval of the Minutes from June 10, 2020. Motion made by Hoffmann, seconded by Wiebel to approve. Carried all.

Directors Report. Parks & Rec hosted a softball tournament at the end of June for the Mount Vernon Heat team. Mount Vernon is still planning on hosting flag football and soccer in the fall. Refunds have been issued for the LBC during the shutdown. Classes at the LBC will be on hold for the time being. The average number of users right now is approximately 100. A leak was discovered in the skylight and has been inspected for repairs.

Update and Q&A with Eagle Scout Luke Stephens. Eagle Scout Luke Stephens gave the board an update on the research he had done on construction and materials that could be used for a miniature golf course for the LBC. Siders envisions these to be used seasonally outside and as needed inside during the winter. They are stackable so storage should not be an issue.

Discussion regarding City of Mount Vernon Trails Construction. Construction has started on the Nature Park project but the LBC project is still on hold. Council approved additional conduit for possible future Wi-Fi at both projects as well as the lights for the wellness center project. Discussion will continue at the next meeting on future projects.

Discussion regarding LBC Phase II re-opening. On June 19th the LBC started Phase II of it's re-opening, which added in 24/7 access, towel service and equipment checkout. Locker rooms remain closed, kids programming is on hold and the rock wall is not open. Siders feels this phase of re-opening has gone well. All employees are required to wear masks except the fitness instructors. Siders updated board members on new items to be added to the facility.

Subcommittee reports (Parks, Capital, Pool, Programming, and Volunteer). None.

Old Business. The flag football and soccer fields at Elliott are not playable this fall with the grass situation. Parking will be discussed

New Business. The LBC has taken over rentals of shelters and gazebos instead of City Hall. In the past there has been no fee to rent these facilities but there is a deposited required. Siders is

asking for guidance on whether the board would like to continue with this process. Siders will gather more data and research other towns to bring back to the board at a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m., July 13, 2020

Respectfully submitted
Marsha Dewell, Deputy Clerk