

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
City of Mount Vernon
October 15, 2019 - City Hall

The Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Board met on October 15, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Roman Meyers, Sandra Fleckenstein and Catherine Poduska. Absent: Rory Wiebel and Loren Hoffman. Also in attendance: Parks and Recreation Director, Matt Siders.

1. Approval of the Agenda. Motion made by Meyers, seconded by Fleckenstein to approve agenda. Carried all. Wiebel and Hoffman absent.
2. Approval of the Minutes from September 17, 2019. Motion made by Fleckenstein, seconded by Meyers to approve the minutes. Carried all. Wiebel and Hoffman absent.
3. Open Forum: Each citizen is limited to 5 minutes.
4. Directors Report - September 15, 2019 to October 15, 2019. Parks are starting to shut down due to freezing temperatures. Parks and Recreation will be partnering with Zoe's Pet Deli for Howl-O-Ween that will be done online this year. On October 30, 2019 there will be an information meeting regarding the rental process at the wellness center. On November 2nd rental request forms can be submitted at City Hall and they will be handled in the order they were received.
5. Discussion regarding updating Master Parks and Recreation Plan. Items that need to be added to the plan before it is complete are the organizational chart and the long range goals.
6. Discussion regarding update on Wellness Center. There will be an ad going in the paper this week promoting the positions available at the center. Right now all of the standard fitness classes will be included in the membership cost as well as educational classes. Alcohol during rentals has been discussed and parameters will be set for that as well as glass in certain areas. These items will be incorporated into the policies.
7. Discussion on moving future Park and Rec Board meetings to different dates. Siders said the Parks and Recreation meetings are always the third Tuesday of each month and Council meetings are the second and third Monday of each month. He thought if the Parks and Recreation meetings were moved to the second Tuesday of each month it would be more efficient with items that need to be

approved by Council. He is asking board members to consider this change and will bring it back for discussion at a future meeting.

8. Subcommittee reports (Parks, Capital, Pool, Programming, and Volunteer). The pool report will be available at the next meeting. Siders and Wiebel will be meeting to discuss capital projects. Meyers recently assisted with a Lacrosse clinic with Cornell College.
9. Old Business.
10. New Business. The school board has not approved gym usage rates yet but there are people unhappy with the school starting to charge for the use of school facilities for functions that are not school sponsored. The school is afraid that if they don't charge a fee, they will be inundated with calls for usage because the new wellness center is charging for rentals. Siders made it clear that Mount Vernon is not dictating how the school charges for usage of their facilities. There are conversations going around from people saying that before there was a wellness center the schools were free to use. Siders wants to make it clear that the school is a totally separate entity and they make their own decisions on how their facilities are used.

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m., October 15, 2019

Respectfully submitted
Marsha Dewell, Deputy Clerk