

October 4th, 2023 @ 5:30 PM

Lamar Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

Attending: Brenda Caruthers, Michelle Hardman, Tara Parks, Mayor Rick Oltjen, Heidi Johnson

The meeting was called to order and Mayor Rick Oltjen went over the safety protocol for the meeting.

Heidi reported on the following:

- This is flag football's last week of regular season, with playoffs to follow.
- Soccer has 2 weeks left.
- Next year for flag football, team numbers will be kept to 7-8 kids and will play 7 on 7 as more than that is too many.
- It was reported that refs have done a fantastic job this year for football.

Signs for the fields were discussed again with an option being shared by Tara Parks. The Park Board would like to add better signage at the ball fields that makes it easier to tell the field numbers. And possibly name the park roads and give the fields addresses to make them easier to navigate and find in case of emergencies.

Heidi sent info to Brad for ball tournaments and let him know they could start as early as April.

Basketball sign ups will open October 5th. Flyers will be printed and sent home Thursday October 5th. Tuesday October 17th will be in person signups from 3-8PM. \$5 late fee will be applied October 23rd. Starting November 6th a \$10 late fee will be applied. No more sign ups will be allowed after November 13th.

The City Council approved 1st and 2nd grade basketball.

Liberal does not want to join the league but Jasper reached out to Heidi and is interested and will follow up.

Heidi reported that there will be at least 1 gym available every Saturday in January.

Potential home games will be: January 13 & 20, February 3, with the tournament on February 17th.

1st and 2nd grade will be co-ed with 8ft goals and 27.5" basketballs.

Basketball will begin January 6th.

Heidi and Rick discussed potentially taking the board on a tour of the pool to see the issues. A meeting will be held October 10th @ 6PM for the town to ask questions and learn about the condition of the pool.

A RFQ is being done for the park masterplan. Heidi is hoping to have it done by the end of the week or next. It will be sent out to companies to get the master plan put together in the next 6-8 months.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 with the next meeting set for November 1st at 5:30 PM.