

# DeMotte Park Board Minutes

## 4/8/24

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**Attending:** Leann Doffin, Peggy Michelin, Dan Fagen

**Not Attending:** Alana Bauman, Marie E, Tina Yost, Mike Cain

Meeting called to order by Peggy M. at 7:01 p.m.

The minutes from March 11, 2024 is approved by Dan F. Seconded by Peggy M All in Favor.

### **Financial Report**

N/A

### **Citizen Requests**

N/A

### **New Business**

- Trevor Stevens: DL President and Gina O'Brien is the secretary. How does the Little League fit into the Park Board and what should he bring to the Park Board? Sign a contract and insurance. Extra insurance for fireworks but not fireworks this year because of the cost. Signage in the Park, the sign at FOD is aging. Talk to the Park Superintendent for a new one or fix the old one. DLL might pay for a new sign for better signage at FOD. Field of Dreams sign with rules is outdated as well. Would like a sign for a directory for the fields and rules of the park. Add their own or share in the cost to include a field of directory.

Spencer Park baseball field has been cleaned up for usage. This year for enrollment is very similar compared to the past. Enrollment: 400-430 players in the Spring, 300 players in the Fall.

Spring Eligibility: allow any player 4-7 play wherever they can want to play. Boundaries include 80% of Jasper County. Concern is the growth and managing the space and time more carefully and unsure about next Spring. They have never capped their enrollments before. Field Spaces is becoming an issue, running out of room. DLL wants to continue with Spencer Park field for more room.

DLL partnered with the Warriors: players will also play the Little League. Warriors is a travel team. DLL charges a \$10 fee for an hour of using a field. Other organizations want to have dedicated field time for practices and the request is DLL have the scheduling control.

Spencer Park Field: scheduling oversight and sharing of the field and not interfere with pick up games.

Monday-Friday program: don't use the fields on the weekends. Spencer Park usually don't have pick up games at this field. DLL would like the scheduling priority.

Maintenance: DLL will be doing the weekly maintenance on the fields.

DLL: if they maintain the Spencer Park field, they would like the priority of usage of the field if they are maintaining it. Greatest the need of the field is the practice season after spring break and runs for four weeks. Giving the priority of April 1 to May 15th before pavilion rentals pick up with parties.

Gina: if they needed to use the field, will it be a reservation after May 15th and be charged a fee to use it and for nonprofits the fee is waived.

Lighting at Field of Dreams Parking Lot: possibility of shining part of the parking lot at night and the playground when games are over etc for safety issues.

Weather Monitor on the batting cages installed increase the safety of players and spectators.

- Market in the Park: find out if Belinda wants to continue doing this or if Tina would like to take it on and increase her pay and make it based on the amount of vendors. Tina can be paid a flat fee and she would get a percentage from the booths and wouldn't cost the town any money. Dan F will call Belinda and ask her about what's going on and if she can attend a meeting.
- Emma Bean (Please assist Earth Day) connected with Stracks and looking for a project such as cleaning the flower beds etc.

### **Old Business**

- Memorial Tree:
- Windmill-Dan: windmill is no good, Andee Andree will get back to him as a Rotary on how much it will cost to rebuild it.
- Easter Egg Hunt: went well according to Peggy. \$342 food pantry and 4 boxes of canned goods.

### **Reports by Departments**

#### **Park**

- Superintendent report: n/a

#### **Pool**

- Tina: n/a

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm by Dan F. and seconded by Peggy M. All in favor.