

Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club
Board Meeting Minutes
July 29, 2020

Present: Julie Booth, Ron Doering, Geoff Groh, Sandy Harberts, Greg Haugen, Bev Hilton, Mike Mai, Judy Mirr, Linda Nicastro, Mike Peterson, and Marilyn Skrivseth.

The meeting was held with some Board members at McDonough Park and others on a Zoom conference call. Vice President Judy Mirr called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

The following items of business were discussed:

1. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the May 28, 2020, meeting. Motion carried.
2. Treasurer's report. Mike M. presented the treasurer's report. The Club has funds totaling of \$17,005.73 which includes \$990.93 in the Community Parks Association account. A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.
3. Pro pickleball player Barry Waddell will be conducting clinics at McDonough Park on August 6-8 in the morning on August 13-15 in the afternoon. The clinics will be four hours in length each day at a cost of \$295 per person. These clinics will be for a maximum of eight people. Mini-clinics consisting of one 3-hour session will be held on August 17 and 18. The cost of the mini-clinics is \$90 per person. The three-day clinics and the mini-clinics are full. Private lessons or lessons with three or four people are also an option. Those interested in this should contact Dave Markquart who will then be in touch with Barry to set up the dates and time. Dave has taken lessons from Barry in Florida and it's through Dave's affiliation with Barry that he is coming to Eau Claire. Because Dave is offsetting some of Barry's expenses, Barry is able to offer the clinics at a reduced price. Insurance for the clinics is being covered by Barry. People can also observe the clinics. Because this is a pilot program, the clinics were not broadly advertised. If there is enough interest, additional clinics may be held in the future and will be available to Club members.

The City of Eau Claire is co-sponsoring the clinics, but Club volunteers are needed to assist with registration, collecting contact information, and sanitizing equipment.

4. Adopt a park. Julie discussed the possibility of the Pickleball Club adopting McDonough Park. This would be a two-year commitment and would consist of doing such things as picking up trash and raking leaves. The volunteer hours will be recorded applied to the DNR matching funds grant. Julie will take responsibility recording the hours. Mike P. mentioned that it would nice if the people living in the neighborhood close to the park would assist with the adopt a park. The neighborhood association is currently inactive, but an attempt will be made to see if there are people in the area who would be interested in assisting with maintaining the park's appearance.

Mike P. also mentioned that a squeegee and broom are needed at the pickleball courts, along with a leaf blower. Julie offered to check into getting those items.

5. Grant money. Marilyn reported that the matching funds for the DNR grant is getting close to \$204,000.

Grant money may be used for additional restrooms at McDonough Park. Much discussion took place regarding the best use of funds to meet the need. Marilyn reported that an engineer indicated that it would be possible to convert the existing pavilion to four separate restrooms. While this would free up a considerable amount of money that could be used for other enhancements, the restrooms would not be in close proximity to the pickleball courts. Having porta-potties in an enclosure located closer to the pickleball courts was discussed. The cost of both options will be explored and brought back to the Board for further consideration.

6. AED training. A 30-minute AED training session will be held August 5 at McDonough Park. It will be offered to court ambassadors first. Linda will identify those individuals from the membership forms and will contact them to determine their interest and availability. If space is available, the training may also be offered to Board members and others. The AED is in the storage box at the park.

7. Other.

- Marilyn reported on the following: Eau Claire Parks and Recreation has ordered two more benches that will be put inside the pickleball courts. A waterline will be installed for a drinking fountain to be located close to the courts. The water will not be turned on to the fountain while Co-Vid 19 is still an issue. The new floor for the Indoor Sports Center will be installed August 27

or 31. Crews of ten volunteers per “shift” are needed to assist in removing the existing floor.

- Mike P. brought up the 5 MPH speed limit on the road leading to the parking lot by the pickleball courts. He would like it increased to 10 or 15 MPH. While there have been some complaints/concerns about the speed of vehicles on the road, the road was not built for pedestrian use. Julie is going to investigate why the 5 MPH was initially established as the speed limit on the road.
- Marilyn reported that Julie has been very instrumental in drafting the letter that is accompanying a brochure soliciting donations for McDonough Park as an active aging park. The question raised was whether the Club should be named in the letter as a grant endorser. After much discussion, a motion was made and seconded that the Club be listed with other organizations in the letter endorsing McDonough Park as an active aging park. Motion carried.
- Julie reported that court signs with the names of court sponsors have been ordered.
- There are no pickleball lessons scheduled at this time.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Hilton
Secretary