**Pickleball Lincoln, Inc.**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**September 19, 2021**

The meeting was conducted remotely on Zoom. Board members present were Bill Roehrs, Jane Cech, Joel Houston, John Reinhardt and Rosalie Duffy. Also present was Treasurer Mike Magnuson.

Vice President Bill Roehrs called the meeting to order.

Financial update:

 Mike reports that as of September 4, 2021 the operating cash balance was $67,396.27. The New Courts account had no activity and the balance remains the same at $101.23. However the proceeds of the Scramble ($770) will be deposited into this New Courts account.

 A couple of significant changes since July 31st are that membership is still increasing and has brought in $380 of new money. Also Skills and Drills (run by Bill and Joel) raised $722.00 during this same time period.

 See attached financial statement for more details. Current membership is now 633. Expired memberships have been removed from the rolls.

Speedway Update

 Jane reports that Speedway is again available this year for indoor morning play. Their fees will be the same as last year; $35.00 per month or $5.00 per day. Most likely there will not be any evenings available.

Satellite Courts update:

 John and Mark met with Parks and Rec regarding Fleming Fields Park.  The estimated cost for construction of six new courts is a total of $250,000 to $275,000.  There was hope for a $105,000 grant to help fund this project, but this has turned out to be unlikely.  PLI would be responsible for a significant amount of these funds, so this location is now moved to long-range planning and fundraising.

 Parks and Rec have committed to working with PLI on a master plan for future pickleball courts, as they have done for other park facilities. The plan would identify levels of service and potential placement of future courts including shared-use facilities, dedicated courts, indoor/outdoor, etc. This master planning process will be an opportunity to think both short and long term about how to best serve the community and will provide an opportunity for public input.

  Densmore Park tennis courts were recently taped and used by Southwest High School for Pickleball in their physical education classes, with assistance from PLI.  This was highly successful and as a result we hope to explore more opportunities with Lincoln Public Schools.

 Many courts need lines to be repainted, but Joel reports it is almost impossible to acquire the needed paint right now. Hopefully lines can be repainted in the spring or summer of 2022.

Peterson Park update:

 The project to add additional concrete sidewalks around the west courts is moving forward. PLI gathered an estimate as required and submitted it to Parks and Rec. Parks and Rec approved the project and selected a contractor to do the work. The cost to PLI will be $8,400. This was a project identified by PLI in the Give-to-Lincoln Day fundraising. Parks and Rec says it is on their calendar to be completed, and hopefully it might be this fall. Parks and Rec administers this project and PLI has no control over the timing of the work.

 The two (inactive) security cameras were removed from Peterson Park courts due to concerns from the city. There may be a possibility for live cameras in the future. These might hopefully deter improper use of the courts.

 A Scramble was held at Peterson Park on September 12th. It was very popular as most of the 46 spots filled up within 24 hours. All proceeds went to PLI ($770.00) as Jane donated all the prizes. Unfortunately rain cut it short. Due to the high interest we may do another Scramble in the spring.

 Joel installed two windsocks at Peterson Park and they have proved very popular.

General Information

 Our current agreement with Parks and Rec expires on March 31, 2022. This current agreement states “The public may participate in PLI-organized programming, regardless of whether they are a member of PLI.” The board voted to continue this policy.

 Joel reports he has talked with many players (most of whom are not PLI members) who would be very interested in playing in Leagues.  Joel currently runs two Leagues.  Adding more is a possibility.

 Some members have been contacting Playtime Scheduler to have Peterson Park added (or potentially other sites too.) Members are asked to not contact Playtime Scheduler but rather to work through Jane.

 Amber Davis has been added as an administrator to the PLI Facebook page as she and Mary Wolfe will be posting more content. They produced the newsletter previously but that project is put on hold. They will be working under Jane’s guidelines.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalie Duffy

Assistant Secretary.