

Aurora Park Board Meeting
Aurora Police Station
Aurora, MO
March 2, 2015
7 PM

1. **Call to Order – 7:01 pm**
2. **Roll Call**

President:	Theresa Pettit (2016)- present
Vice President:	Julie Browning (2015)- absent
Board member:	Mona Thach (2015)- present
Board member:	OPEN (2015)-
Board Member:	Clara Childress (2016)- absent
Board member:	DeeJay Floyd (2016)- present
Board member:	Ginni Swaim (2017) absent
Board member:	Jennifer Gautney (2017)- present
Board member:	Harv Welch - (2017)- present
Councilman:	Steve Ramirez present

Others in attendance: Matt Livingston

****Approve the recommendations of any of the following items:**

3. **Approval of minutes**
 - a. Feb 2, 2015 Meeting - Review draft minutes **Jennifer Gautney made the motion to approve minutes as amended, Harv Welch seconded motion, motion passed.**
4. **Park Board membership- Review any applications presented- None presented**
5. **Budget & Financials-Betty Baum –**
 - a. Review expenditures presented, expected expenses and fund balances **Harv Welch made the motion to approve expenditures presented, Mona Thach seconded motion, motion passed. Board reviewed amended budget and discussed options to save for matching grant for Phase II of trail which will be an estimated amount of \$91,000 with the total cost of Phase II estimated at \$366,000 and MODot portion is \$250,000. Matching funds will need to be raised within two years by board and trails committee. Harv Welch made the motion to add \$15,000 to reserves for matching portion of grant, Jennifer Gautney seconded motion, motion passed.**
6. **Community Service Assistance**
 - a. **AHS – Senior’s Volunteer Day April 28 – discuss projects to be done Board has been approached by AHS about a community service day for roughly 80 seniors to participate. They have requested projects they could complete in the city parks. Board discussed several options at White Park including: Placing landscaping stepping blocks around benches at Tennis courts to provide curb appeal and assist with city maintenance, place landscaping stepping blocks at gate access to Tennis court where it is now grass areas only, clear leaves and debris from tennis courts, clean up trash in ditch area by skate park area, stencil areas of trail where the road is shared indicating walkway and driveway, plant hedges along north side of pool adjacent to road to secure designated crosswalks, and plant trees placed on Causementum. Jennifer Gautney made the motion to present list of items board discussed for AHS community service day, DeeJay Floyd seconded motion, motion passed.**
 - b. **Eagle Scout Project – Review Eagle Scout project local Eagle Scout has reached out to board for his project and requested a landscaping project. Board discussed requesting he present landscaping plan for area east of tennis court that is now grass. He will be presenting design and cost at our April meeting.**
 - c. **AHS – other volunteer projects with Ms. Mobley and Mr. Boettler’s students- Possibly have FFA can spread mulch .**
7. **Grants**
 - a. **Recycling Grant by Dr. Pepper – Review grant application for recycling bins in the parks. Discussed Dr. Pepper grant that would allow board to place recycling containers at places of choice at no cost. Discussed placement possibilities of: tennis courts, softball field, and baseball fields, DeeJay Floyd made the motion to proceed with grant application requesting 2 recycle trash cans, Jennifer Gautney seconded the motion, motion passed**
 - b. **Land Water Conservation Grant – Review for possible grant for Shelter at Tennis Court Grant- Discussed LWC grant and funds can be used for many items including trail projects. Grant application is due March 30th,2015. Jennifer Gautney made the motion to apply for grant to assist with Phase II matching funds, Mona Thach seconded motion, motion passed.**
 - c. **FCS – Possible application of grant for FFA landscape project in the parks Discussed FCS grant of \$500. Funds can be used for multiple items including: bleachers, trails, trees, etc. Application due by April 1st, 2015. Mona Thach made the motion to apply for grant and to use funds where needed, Harv Welch seconded motion, motion passed.**
 - d. **Missouri Department of Conservation -Tree grant Discussed Missouri Dept of Conservation tree grant and details outlined in it that we would have to follow. Guidelines outlined are very strict and must be followed. No motion at this time to pursue applying for the grant.**

8. Trails –
 - a. Phase I – Theresa Pettit –
 1. Receive update on completion of project **City workers will be completing railing at pedestrian bridge as soon as weather permits.**
 - b. Phase II- Theresa Pettit
 1. Receive update on progression of project –**No update available**
9. Committee Reports-
 - a. Baseball –
 - a. White Park Softball field – Discuss progress of improvements **Michael Singer of Singer Construction has agreed to donate labor of all dirt work at Softball field. Board would then only need to fund seeding and straw cost estimated at \$3,000. The funds that are saved on this project would be applied to improve the Legion Field.**
 - b. Babe Ruth and Field One-
 1. Discuss bleacher improvement
 2. Discuss request other improvements listed **Reviewed list submitted from Babe Ruth of improvements they'd like to see made to field. Discussing all items presented. Approved request from Babe Ruth of painting "A" on dugout as group project. Discussed approaching The American Legion to assist with cost of Flag Pole for center field. DeeJay Floyd is going to contact Mitch Forrester regarding pricing of the following for board to review: #6 placing perforated pipe along 3rd base to help with drainage, #2 cost of padding for backstop, and #1 extending backstop 12 feet in front of dugouts and how many boards would be needed to secure.**
 - c. Score board update on all fields **Little League has donated old score boards to city for use or replacement parts at other ball fields.**
 - b. Playground update – **Miracle is having a sale on playground equipment. Board reviewed items in catalogue. Board unanimously recommended Theresa Pettit discuss donation of playground or park donations with community members interested in assisting. Mona Thach will be assembling a committee to make plans for future playground improvements**
 - c. White Park –
 - a. North Entrance - Review update on progress project. **Bids submitted were all over budget, Junior Haddock was the lowest submitted bid. Estimated additional cost from preliminary estimated budget is \$1200.**
 - d. Other Park's improvements – receive request for any other improvements. **none**
10. City Council recommendations: **none**
11. Adjourn – **8:18 pm Jennifer Gautney made the motion to adjourn, Harv Welch seconded motion. Motion passed**

Approved April 6, 2015

