Aurora Park Board Meeting
Pettit & Pettit Law Office, 200 S. Elliott, Aurora, MO
May 4, 2015
7 PM

1. **Call to Order – 7:05pm**
2. **Roll Call**

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

Others in attendance: Mitch Forrester
**Approve the recommendations of any of the following items:

3. **Approval of minutes**
   1. April 6, 2015 Meeting - Review draft minutes Mona Thach made the motion to approve minutes as presented, Ginni Swaim seconded the motion, motion passed with Julie Browning abstaining due to absence at April 6th meeting
   2. April 27, 2015 Special meeting.- Review draft minutes Julie Browning made the motion to approve minutes as presented, Harv Welch seconded the motion, motion passed
4. Park Board membership-
   1. Review applications for the following positions. According to the By-Laws. Two positions may be non-resident. Board reviewed applications submitted and discussed. The following motions were made to recommend applicants to city council to serve on Park Board:
      1) Mitch Forrester for open 3 years term (ending 2018): Julie Browning made the motion Ginni Swaim seconded motion, motion passed.
      2) Mona Thach for open 3 year term (ending 2018): Jennifer Gautney made the motion, Julie Browning seconded the motion, motion passed.
      3) Julie Browning for open 1 year term (ending 2016) per her request: Harv Welch made the motion, Mona Thach seconded motion, motion passed.
      4) Jessica Fleetwood for open 3 year term (ending 2018) Julie Browning made the motion, seconded by Ginni Swaim, motion passed.
      Recommended members were instructed to go to the next City Council meeting May 12 at 6:30 to be presented to Council and be sworn in.
5. Community Service & Volunteer Assistance
   a. AHS – Senior's Volunteer Day April 28 – Receive update on projects completed Board reviewed photos of all completed projects during AHS Volunteer Day. There are three benches that still need landscape pavers placed and will be completed by AHS volunteers. Bench from City Hall to be moved to north side of pool as well to provide safewaiting area for children to be picked up.
   b. Eagle Scout Project – Review completed Eagle Scout project Project complete. Total of 30 Knock-Rose bushes and one pencil holly placed.
   c. Other Community Service workers Community service workers -update on work completed for help in the parks First CASP community services works preformed two jobs in White Park: One laid landscape fabric in newly completed "turn around" area and the other sanded swing set in preparation for paint.
   d. Painting of mural on pool wall – Discuss a request to add to the current mural by Angie Exter at pool house Angie Exter to complete another mural at pool in exchange for pool pass. Julie Browning made the motion to add to mural at pool, Jennifer Gautney seconded the motion, motion passed
6. Tennis Program –
   a. Review USTA TIP Grant for tennis equipment. USTA grant is for $250 in funding to purchase equipment for summer program approved by City Council which will begin June 1 through Labor Day weekend. Julie Browning made the motion to complete 2015 Tennis Grant Application, Ginni Swaim seconded the motion, motion passed
7. Grand Opening for White Park Improvements.- See attachment for celebration of improvements Grand Opening will be held on June 6th 2015 beginning at 8 am with trail ribbon cutting. Board discussed location of ribbon cutting to be held at north end of pool area and Lewis Shaw trail area. Discussed dignitaries to invite and board agreed upon requesting Melissa Briggs be in attendance as well as Steve Ramirez in recognition of their efforts in completing Phase I. Discussed offering free hot dogs to first 500 attendees before free pool day at noon.

a. Mitch Forrester is going to contact Tyson's about possible donation of hot dogs for event.
b. Theresa Pettit is going to contact Price Cutter and Walmart regarding donation or purchase match of chips, water, and buns. Theresa will also reach out to Southerlands and True Value for donation of charcoal. Theresa Pettit will contact Chamber of Commerce, KSPR, KY3, KSWM, and Aurora Advertiser to advertise event.
c. Julie Browning has access to large grill to be used during event to cook hot dogs.
d. Lastly, Board members will also share grand opening information on social media sites.
e. Mona Thach made the motion to approve expenses out of budget for cost associated with Grand Opening less any donation we are able to secure, Jennifer Gautney seconded the motion, motion passed

8:19 pm Julie Browning left meeting due to family emergency.

8. Budget & Financials-Betty Baum –
   1. Review expenditures presented, expected expenses and fund balances Harv Welch made the motion to approve expenditures presented, Mona Thach seconded the motion, motion passed. Ginni Swaim will be looking into cost of new nets for soccer goals. Reviewed "controlled allocations" and projected budget for future projects board previously voted to complete
   2. Grants – a. FCS Grant – Awaiting response- due any day.
      b.Snapple Grant – Grant denied
   3. Receive update on fundraising which may include the following:
      1. Causemomentum- received update on current event . Closes on May 8th. $600.00 short of goal at this time
      2. Run for the Parks (June)- receive update from Jennifer will be held June 27th with new route beginning at White Park to include trail.
         See attached link for registration –

https://endurancecui.active.com/event-reg/select-race?e=15191353&int=29-110-1<cmp=254301<clickid=04_178427171_e63b6b92-7dfe-448e-9b19-6b068230dd92

9. Committee Reports-
   a. Baseball –
      1. Babe Ruth and Field One-
         1. Discuss bleacher improvement no update at this time
         2. Review progress on improvements to the facility
      2. Score board update on all fields
         1. Moving of old score board from the Legion Field to Softball field has not been completed at this time. Jennifer Gautney made the motion to hire electrician to move score board, Ginni Swaim seconded the motion, motion passed.
         2. Backstop behind first plate needing to be replaced. Mitch Forrester, also president of Babe Ruth, stated cost to complete correctly with 2 iinch padding would be an estimated cost of $700-$900. Mona Thach made the motion to complete new back stop with a budget of no more than $1200, Jennifer Gautney seconded the motion, motion passed.
         3. Legion Field control box was damaged by vandals and needs to be replaced. Mona Thach made the motion to hire electrician to made necessary repairs to electrical control box, Jennifer Gautney seconded the motion, notion passed.
      3. Request to add a press box on top of Home Dug Out at Baldwin Baseball field- sponsored by Dugout Club Grant Baker submitted request to add press box with all funding for project to be paid by Dugout Club funds. Total estimated cost $9612.00. Jennifer Gautney made the motion for press box to be added at the expense of Dugout Club funds, Mona Thach seconded the motion, motion passed.
   b. Playground update – Receive any update.
   c. White Park –
      1. Skate Park-
         1. Discuss the improvements recommended by AHS students to the facility AHS students stated the skate park is in need of repainting. Ricks Jones has volunteered to donate paint for ramp. Jennifer Gautnay made the motion to repaint rusting ramp at White Par, Ginni Swaim seconded the motion, motion passed.
      2. Stumps to grind located West of the Pool – awaiting removal of large tree to do all stumps at one time.
      3. Discuss numbering of trees and potential removal of tree. Item tabled at this time

   d. Other Park's improvements – receive request for any other improvements. Ginni Swaim reported that Baldwin Park is in need of new gravel for roads due to their poor condition. Board will review prior minutes to see if this issue was addressed previously. Ginni Swaim also reported some issues with Soccer program. Stated the two programs are not working well and YMCA is struggling with the same scheduling issues as LCYSA.
10. City Council recommendations:.
   a. Park Board membership see motions from earlier in meeting regarding recommendation approve for City Council.
11. Adjourn – 8:44 pm Jennifer Gautney made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Ginni Swaim. Motion passed.

Approved June 1, 2015 Theresa Pettit

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