

PARK BOARD MEETING

Pettit Law Office

200 S. Elliott, Aurora, MO

Monday, October 12, 2015 at 7:00p.m.

1. Call to Order -
2. Roll Call

President:	Theresa Pettit (2016)- present
Vice President:	Mona Thach (2018)- absent
Board member:	Julie Browning (2016)- present
Board member:	Mitch Forrester (2018)- present
Board Member:	Jessica Fleetwood (2018)- present
Board member:	DeeJay Floyd (2016)- present
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: None

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

3. Approval of minutes
 1. September 14, 2015 - Regular meeting Jennifer Gautney made the motion to approve the minutes as amended Dee Jay Floyd seconded the motion. All board members present voted in favor with motion passing.
4. Discuss change in date of regular park board meeting-Jennifer Gautney made the motion to move the regular meeting day for the Park Board to the 2nd Monday of the month. Ginni Swaim second the motion. All board members present voted in favor; motion passing.
5. Trails -
 1. Receive update on completion of Phase I - The grant has not been closed.
 2. Receive update on Phase II- Engineers trying to completed the project to place out for bid in 2015.
6. Skate Park -
 - a. Hear request to have the Skate park painted- Julie Browning made the motion to accept the donation of paint from Rick Jones for the AHS to paint the skate park ramps. The AHS will be allowed to paint a graphic design on the East ramp short wall that faces the bathroom. This will be supervised by Brad Boettler. If graffiti appears after graphic sign painted, the short wall will be painted a solid color. A metal sign shall be installed along Lewis Shaw indicating the location of the Skate Park. Mitch Forrester seconds the motion. All members voted in favor with motion passing.
 - b. Hear request for sign for Skate park
7. Park Activities
 - a. Soccer program - YMCA reports 65 enrolled while LCYSA has 160. Flag football for the YMCA has 35 kids enrolled.
 - b. Basketball program- There was a variety of expressions if the Park Board would encourage the employment of a recreation leader.
 1. The YMCA seemed easy but hasn't been as organized, nor provided the anticipated enrollment
 2. Possible to put the programs out to bid while meeting certain criteria. The vendor would pay the city to run the programs instead of paying for them. There is the risk of controlling what the participants pay.
 3. Use volunteer boards to run programs resulting in the city not paying to run programs of recovering funds.
 - c. Baseball program
8. Park Improvements
 - a. Review projects approved to be completed in 2015 for all parks.
 1. Baseball/ softball in White Park & Oak Park- The infield at softball field in white park has not enlarged due to costing over \$8000 for clay. The remaining project was completed by leveling the ground and reseeding. Awaiting to move the scoreboard from the Legion Field.
 2. Playground improvements- No discussion
 3. North Tot lot- no discussion
 4. Review projects to put out to bid (bleachers, fencing and pavilion)

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- a. Jennifer Gautney made to motion to put the fencing project for the baseball/ softball complex out to bid at Baldwin Bark. The bid will contain both regular galvanized chain link fence and black coated fencing. Jessica Fleetwood seconds the motion. All members voted in favor with motion passing.

Theresa reached out to an architecture firm to get some initial estimates on a pavilion at the tennis courts. The estimated price including engineering and construction was at 85K. If a Grant could be secured, that price would fit into the 2016 budget in favor with motion passing.

- b. The park board is interested to pursue to Community Center at the existing Legion Hall location. There is a strong interest to do a two story structure with the lower story which could be entered from the tennis court parking lot level and to utilize this space as a FEMA storm shelter and recreation center. The op story to be a community center and rent for functions/ events.
- c. Jennifer Gautney made the motion for the AHS 2016 senior project to finish the 6 benches around the tennis courts south landscape pavers similar to the two benches completed by the AHS 2015 seniors. The estimate is \$100/ bench for the pavers.. Dee Jay second the motion with all members voting in favor.

9. Budget & Financials-Betty Baum -

- a. Review expenditures presented, expected expenses and fund balances. Theresa noted there was an invoice included in the expenditures for 7 maple trees 4" in diameter which are on order for White Park, most of the funds for this project come from donations from Causemomentum Grant and the FFA Grant- Harv Welch made the motion to approve all the expenditures as presented. Dee Jay second the motion, All board members voted in favor with motion passing.
- b. Discuss funding of improvement projects for 2015 thru 2018- The board received information submitted to council explaining the budget.
- c. Discuss applications for grants- Look for a grant to build the tennis pavilion and make improvements to the tennis court parking lot to be able to park four rows of cars. The center two rows would park tandem similar to parking lot at Robinson elementary school.
- d. Discuss items to request from Causemomentum in 2016- The board is considering the request further items to finish the tennis court project during 2016 Causemomentum campaign. There would be low cost items.
- e. Review 1st Draft budget for 2016- Budget modified in section 7015- 2500 bleachers- 45000 road pavement.

10. City Council recommendations:. See above

11. Adjourn - Ginni Swaim made the motion to adjourn Jennifer Gautney second the motion. All board members voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:13

Submitted by: Theresa Pettit October 14, 2015 at 1 PM
Approved 11-9-15

