

PARK BOARD MEETING

Pettit Law Office

200 S. Elliott, Aurora, MO

Monday, November 9, 2015 at 7:00p.m.

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7 PM
2. Roll Call

President: /Secretary	Theresa Pettit (2016)- PRESENT
Vice President	Mona Thach (2018)- PRESENT
Board member:	Julie Browning (2016)- ABSENT
Board member:	Mitch Forrester (2018)- PRESENT
Board Member:	Jessica Fleetwood (2018)- ABSENT
Board member:	DeeJay Floyd (2016)- PRESENT
Board member:	Ginni Swaim (2017) ABSENT
Board member:	Jennifer Gautney (2017)- PRESENT
Board member:	Harv Welch - (2017)- ABSENT
Councilman:	Steve Ramirez PRESENT

Others in attendance: NONE Theresa notes she received a call from Julie Browning earlier in the day to resign from the park board. This will be put on next month's agenda for replacement. Julie's term expires in May 2016.
**Approve the recommendations of any of the following items:

3. Approval of minutes
 1. October 12, 2015 – Jennifer Gautney made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. DeeJay Floyd seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor with motion passing.
4. Trails –
 1. Bridge / ramp improvement in White Park- Theresa noted Justin and his assistants completed the ramp improvement on the South end of the pedestrian bridge. Although the railings are completed, they are needing their final coat of paint prior to installation.
 2. Receive update on completion of Phase I –
 1. Expense report Expense report reviewed (see attached) We are still waiting on the final bill from Great River Construction to close out that grant.
 3. Receive update on Phase II
 1. Documents to be signed – Awaiting final documents to be signed by the school and Huellhorst before Dec in order to keep the trail project on schedule.
 2. Water line expense to move – Allgeier Martin discovered a water line that will need to be moved before construction of phase II trail. Mona Thach made the motion to approve spending the approximate \$3500 to relocate a water line. Jennifer Gautney second the motion. All board members present voted in favor with motion passing.
 3. Expense report –Expense report reviewed for remaining funds to pay for phase II. Jennifer reported the Trails Committee is planning on a fund raiser in Feb. 2016.
5. Skate Park – Update on improvements Dee Jay Floyd made the motion to accept the \$600 donation from Rick Jones to apply for the purchase of paint for the skate park ramps. Mitch Forrester second the motion. All members present voted in favor with motion passing.
6. Park Activities
 - a. Legion Hall – potential purpose / activities Mona Thach made the motion to recommend to council to utilize the Legion Hall for a Teen Town but with hired staff person to run that program. See attachment. DeeJay Floyd second the motion. All board members present voted in favor with motion passing.
 - b. Soccer program update- no update given
 - c. Basketball program update- The YMCA is currently taking registration.
 - d. Baseball program update Mitch reported the organization that may have been interested in running the baseball program for the city at no charge is no longer interested. He reported there is a local “group of churches” that would like to take the church softball to organize. In doing so, that leaves no growth in the baseball / softball program for those that aren't able to play for a church team. Mitch made the motion for council to consider offering to the church board to run the program or to leave as is.

Dee Jay Floyd second the motion. All board members voted in favor with motion passing.

- e. Tennis – USTA tournament May 21, 2016 Theresa reports a USTA sanctioned tournament will be held at our facility on May 21, 2016. A group of high school students that use the skate park is interested to run a concession stand during that tournament with the proceeds to go towards skate park improvements/ maintenance.
 - f. Skate Park – competition May 21, 2016 Theresa states a high school group is interested to host a competition at the skate park next Spring perhaps the same day at the tennis tournament but later in the day. Theresa will mention this to Rick Jones for feedback of his interest to organize.
7. Park Improvements - Review projects approved to be completed in 2015 for all parks.
Mona Thach noted the local PEO organization is looking for a small project perhaps to do in the park.
- a. Baseball/ softball in White Park & Oak Park- Mitch reported the flood wall has been completed at the Legion Field. The screen for the backstop will cost approx \$1600. Still working on outside funding for that project.
 - b. Playground improvements-Theresa states Mona has given a revised update on completing the playground safety. See attached.
 - c. Oak Park sidewalks- The side walk on the West side at Oak Park is in progress and will work in the East side when time allows.
 - d. Baldwin Park fencing – no update given
8. Budget & Financials-Betty Baum –
- a. Review expenditures presented, expected expenses and fund balances Jennifer Gautney made the motion to accept the expenditures as presented. Mona Thach second the motion. All members voted in favor with motion passing.

Jennifer Gautney made the motion for Theresa to complete an application for a CFO grant for 2 aluminum benches with backrests for the basketball court in White Park. Dee Jay Floyd second the motion. All board members present voted in favor with motion passing.
 - b. Review 1st Draft budget for 2016 in consideration of modifications –No motions made for any revisions.
 - c. Review list of projects for potential donor contribution –The board reviewed potential projects is someone wanted to make a major contribution for the parks. Jennifer Gautney made the motion to approve the submitted selection and to include: \$1000 donation for 2 soccer goals to be placed South of Courts 1 & 2 in White Park; \$5000 purchase of trees and landscaping at Baldwin Park, \$15,000 to be applied for a new concession stand/ bathroom at Baldwin Park to service the soccer fields. Mitch Forrester second the motion. All members present voted in favor with motion passing.
9. City Council recommendations:
Mitch Forrester made the motion to recommend to City Council the following:
- a. Amend city bylaws to enforce park rules posted
 - b. Continue with the YMCA agreements for offering the current programs with the exception of church softball as noted above.
Mona Thach second the motion. All board members voted in favor with motion passing.
10. Adjourn – Mona Thach made the motion to adjourn. Jennifer Gautney second the motion. All board members voted in favor with motion passing. Meeting ended at 8:35 PM

Submitted By: Theresa Pettit

Approved 2-1-16

