

Aurora Park Board Meeting
Pettit & Pettit Law Office, 200 S. Elliott, Aurora, MO
April 6, 2015
7 PM

1. **Call to Order – 7:09pm**
2. **Roll Call**

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

Others in attendance: Mike Randall, Jonathan Jones & Melissa Jones, Richard Perry and Ray Perry

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

3. **Approval of minutes**
 1. March 2, 2015 Meeting - Review draft minutes Jennifer Gautney made the motion to approve minutes as present, Mona Thach seconded the motion, motion passed
4. **Park Board membership-**
 1. Review resignation request from Clara Childress Jennifer Gautney made the motion to accept Clara Childress' resignation, Ginni Swaim seconded the motion, motion passed
5. **Community Service Assistance**
 - a. **Eagle Scout Project – Review Eagle Scout project presented. –presented project: placed boarder of landscaping blocks and some sort of plant to “block” foot traffic along road north of pool. Eagle Scout presented several option: large paved stones, scallop concrete, and plastic boarder. Presented the option of Knock-Out Roses @ \$14.98 each. If placed 5 feet apart estimated 24 rose, 4 feet apart 36 rose bushes, and 3 feet apart 40 roses. Knock-Out Roses are fast growing, easy to maintain, and visually appealing. Discussed options for landscape fabric 3 X 120 feet (would allow for extra if needed) lifetime warranty fabric would be the most expensive option also available in 15 year and 1 year warranties. Estimate cost for “high end” option would be \$1574.00 this would be using large paved stones, Knock-Out Roses 3 feet apart, and lifetime warranty landscaping fabric. Cheapest option would be an estimated cost of \$514 using plastic boarder, Knock-Out Roses 5 feet apart, and 1 year warranty landscaping fabric. Fund raising would affect the time period the project begins. Board would like this project completed by mid May at the latest to be in place before pool opens. Project must first be approved by Eagle Scout troop. Jonathan will return to the Park Board to present final plans and show enough funds have been raised to complete the project.**
 - b. **AHS – Senior’s Volunteer Day April 28 – Receive update on projects to be done AHS volunteer day April 28th. Projects to be done is various parks: Painting swing sets, landscaping, Spreading mulch, plant trees, and paint playground equipment at Crosby and White Park.**
6. **Tennis Program –**
 - a. **Hear presentation regarding a tennis program for 2015. Approve any recommendations to City Council Richard Perry from Millennium in Joplin MO would like to begin tennis program at Aurora Tennis Courts. Estimate cost \$35-\$50 per week for summer camps 1-2 hours per day. Private lessons would also be available and can be for 1 – 2 people. Would like to also include an adult time (35+) suggested on Thursday evenings where skill drills can be ran and matches between members played. Richard is not looking for large monetary compensation but for the experience of organizing and running camps for different age groups. Camps would run during June, July, and August with the possibility of after school programs in the fall if large interest. Summer camps would be 3-5 days a week depending on the # of participants. Thursday evening league begin at 6 pm for drills then competitive tournaments beginning at 7 pm. June 6th is scheduled “play day” at tennis courts and would be a good placed to take registrations. Ginnie Swaim made the motion to recommend tennis program presented by Richard Perry to city council, DeeJay Floyd seconded the motion, motion passed. Richard will have firm cost and schedule for city council meeting on April 14th.**
7. **Budget & Financials-Betty Baum –**
 1. **Review expenditures presented, expected expenses and fund balances Jennifer Gautney made the motion to approve expenditures as presented, DeeJay Floyd seconded motion, motion passed. Theresa Pettit presented board with “breakdown” of budget as passed by board this year including planned improvements and fixed monthly costs in attempts to possibly plan excess funds for Phase II of trail project. Discussed requesting assistance from council for replacing culvert at Carnation so this can be budgeted in 2016**
 2. **Discuss fundraising plans available for the parks which may include the following:**
 1. **Community Day of Giving in May (May) discussed Community Day of Giving: online project to raise funds to be used on park projects, board discussed. Mona Thach made the motion to not pursue**

- Community Day of Giving, Jennifer Gautney seconded, motion passed
2. Causemomentum- received update on current event (May) Funds raised at this time \$990.00 with donations from Florida, Texas, and Washington.
 3. Run for the Parks (June) –No update
 4. Fall Fundraiser with Trails Committee (Oct) No update
3. CASP application – Discuss using this program for community service workers for help in the parks. Presented to board information on CASP for court ordered community service workers. Would request workers to do small park projects i.e. painting, cleanup, etc. Can request type of offenders we do not want to be assigned to work in city parks including: no violent offenders, no sex offenders, no drug offenders, and no theft offenders. Mona Thach made the motion to contact CASP agency for community services workers who do not have any of the mentioned offences, Jennifer Gautney seconded, motion passed
8. Trails –
1. Phase I – Theresa Pettit –
 1. Receive update on completion of project Project complete. Final walk through will not be until “grass grows” and MODot can then close job and submit final payment
 2. Phase II- Theresa Pettit
 1. Receive update on progression of project Engineering firm has been out to survey land
9. Committee Reports-
- a. Baseball –
 1. White Park Softball field – Discuss progress of improvements Verona School District completed a work day and assisted parks crew in leveling field as best as possible for their season to begin. Singer suggested we wait until the fall to complete all dirt work and seeding for best results.
 2. Babe Ruth and Field One-
 1. Discuss bleacher improvement Bleacher improvements to begin soon
 2. Review progress on improvements to the facility cost of 2 inch padding behind home plate is an estimate cost of \$300. Board has \$2500 budgeted for Field Maintenance. DeeJay Floyd made the motion to purchase padding, Ginni Swaim seconded the motion, motion passed Babe Ruth has also made the request to purchase sign in memory of Bob Moffitt. Trails Committee has already approached Moffitt family about purchasing memorial bench to be placed in right field. Jennifer Gautney will contact Eathan and Evan Moffitt regarding a Lit Flag Pole for field in place of memorial bench
 3. Score board update on all fields no update
 - b. Playground update – Receive any update. No update
 - c. White Park –
 1. North Entrance –

Project has been started with the help of the A tech students under the supervision of Ms. Mobley and Mr. Boettler
 2. Skate Park-

Discuss the improvements recommended by AHS students to the facility Mr Boettler and Ms. Mobley would like to repaint and clean up Skate Park with their students as a project. No details at this time in regards to cost. Theresa Pettit will contact them regarding Skate Park project

 1. Discuss locks on bathroom doors at that location Bathroom located by Skate Park does not have any locks. Board discussed possible option and a chain lock might be best as it allows well-being check and can be breached if needed by APD. Jennifer Gautney made the motion to install chain lock at both bathrooms, DeeJay Floyd seconded the motion, motion passed
 3. Stumps to grind located West of the Pool Mona Thach made the motion to grind stumps south of lions pavilion in White Park, Jennifer Gautney seconded the motion, motion passed
 4. Discuss numbering of trees and potential removal of tree. The board notes a large tree located north of the bridge by Lewis Shaw that needs to be removed. It has lost a large tree limb during recent storm. DeeJay Floyd made the motion to remove tree, Ginni Swaim seconded the motion, motion passed
 - d. Other Park’s improvements – receive request for any other improvements. North Tot Lot has electrical lines crossing over playground equipment. Mona Thach is going to discuss with Empire about burying electrical lines
10. City Council recommendations:
11. Adjourn – 8:40 pm Ginni Swaim made the motion to adjourn, Mona Thach seconded the motion, motion passed

Approved May 4, 2015

