

REGULAR PARK BOARD MEETING

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Monday, August 3, 2015 at 7:00p.m.

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM
2. Roll Call

President:	Theresa Pettit (2016)- present
Vice President:	Julie Browning (2016)- (arrived at 7:13 PM)
Board member:	Mona Thach (2018)- present
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)- present
Councilman:	Steve Ramirez present

Others in attendance: Michael Keaton PE of Allgeier Martin & Assoc.

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

3. **Board membership –**
 - a. Accept resignation from Jennifer Gautney as secretary. Agrees to stay on the board. Mona Thach made the motion to accept Jennifer's resignation. Dee Jay Floyd second the motion. All members present voted in favor with motion passing.
 - b. Secretary Position – Discuss filling the secretary position and nominations. Harv Welch made the motion to accept Theresa's offer to be the secretary. Dee Jay Floyd seconded the motion. All board members voted in favor with motion passing.
4. Trails –
 1. Receive update on completion of Phase I – Theresa informed the board phase I has not been closed. The obligation to the grant was to have it closed by Jan 1. Due to the delay of the trail installation and not seeing if grass would grow, an extension was awarded. Theresa was notified in April by Mo-Dot if the growth of grass was sufficient. There is sufficient growth of grass. Theresa has e-mailed Great Rivers and Mo-Dot with no progress of getting this closed out. There remains a financial obligation of \$2021.45 from the Parks budget once closed.
 2. Receive update on Phase II –Michael Keaton presented the first review of phase II of the trail. The items from the park board to revised from what was presented prior to getting Mo-Dot approval are:
 - a. Moving the East entry from the existing trail more West.
 - b. Plan the East entry to include an area to recognize the beginning of the "Huellhorst Section" of the trail. This area may include a bench, trees and some sort of monument recognition.
 - c. Cleaning out the foliage in the drainage ditch along the trail similar to what is East of the pedestrian bridge on Lewis Shaw. This is intended to ensure safety of those utilizing the trail and facilitate water drainage and prevent flooding in the park. No attention is needed on the North bank of the ditch to encourage privacy of residents in that residential area. The board understands a special permit from DNR may be necessary.
 - d. Installing some kind of notice / barrier to trail users when water flow in the ditch is too high to utilize the West underpass.
 - e. The alternate pedestrian crossing over the road was not approved to be included in the construction of the Phase II of the trail.
 - f. Move the last bench going West of the trail closer to the parking lot.
 - g. Install a notice of "caution -low ceiling height" since the underpass will be 7 feet high.
 - h. Install a water gap to keep cattle out of the channel.
5. **Approval of minutes**
 - a. July 6, 2015 –Special Session Review draft minutes Mona Thach made the motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mitch Forrester second the motion. All members present voted in favor with motion passing. Julie Browning and Jennifer abstained from the vote due to not present at that meeting.
 - b. July 6, 2015 Regular Board meeting – review draft minutes- Mona Thach made the motion to approve the minutes as amended. Harv Welch second the motion. All members present voted in favor with motion passing. Julie Browning and Jennifer abstained from the vote due to not present at that meeting.
6. Consideration of supplying wifi in the parks Item tabled
7. Committee Reports-
 - a. Baseball – Mitch Forrester presented his preliminary estimates to get all the baseball / softball fields updated.

Additional information shared the installation of the sod on the Legion field would be installed by volunteers. Singer construction is scheduled to work on the softball outfield after this season of softball is complete. The red color of the dugouts is listed under Babe Ruth red at True Value. Mitch explained why items listed were needed. Julie Browning made the motion to approve the purchase of materials and labor to enclose the softball dugouts similar to that of the Legion Field. The exception is laying the block in an open pattern up high to allow for air flow. Dee Jay Floyd seconded the motion. All members voted in favor with motion passing.

Theresa will notify Steve Woods a trash can is needed by the softball field/ concession area in White Park.

- b. Babe Ruth Tournament in 2016 – Discuss possibility of hosting State Tournament The Park Board expressed support for this would be a good event to have Aurora host.
 - c. Playground update – Mona Thach made the motion to reroute the electric line currently going over the North Tot Lot. The price not to exceed \$2500. Dee Jay Floyd second the motion. All board members voted in favor with motion passing. Mona will notify Empire.
 - d. White Park – Mitch Forrester made the motion to spend up to \$800 to have the large oak removed in White Park that is North and West of the pedestrian bridge in White Park. Harv Welch second the motion. All members voted in favor with motion passing. The walnut tree East of the pedestrian bridge has been removed at no cost to the budget.
 - e. Tennis – No update
 - f. Other Park's improvements -tabled
8. Budget & Financials-Betty Baum –
- a. Review expenditures presented, expected expenses and fund balances Harv Welch made the motion to approve the expenditures as presented. Julie Browning second the motion. All board members voted in favor with motion passing.
 - b. Discuss 3 year planned projects tabled
 - c. Discuss funding of projects – Reviewed letter by Kathie Needham regarding park funding if the ballot issue passes.
9. City Council recommendations: none
10. Adjourn – Julie Browning made the motion to adjourn. Mitch Forrester second. All board members voted in favor. Motion passed with meeting ending at 8:39PM.

Submitted by: Theresa Pettit August 4, 2015 @ 9:45 AM
Approved September 14, 2015

