

REGULAR PARK BOARD MEETING

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Monday, September 14, 2015 at 7:00p.m.

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

President:	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)-present
Board member:	DeeJay Floyd (2016)- present
Board member:	Ginni Swaim (2017) -absent
Board member:	Jennifer Gautney (2017)- absent
Board member:	Harv Welch - (2017)- absent
Councilman:	Steve Ramirez -absent

Others in attendance:

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

3. **Approval of minutes**
 1. August 3, 2015 Regular Board meeting – Mitch Forrester made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mona Thach seconded the motion. All board members present voted in favor with motion passing.
 2. September 7, 2015 – Regular meeting postponed. No minutes presented due to meeting postponed.
4. Trails –
 1. Receive update on completion of Phase I – Theresa reported Great River is in the process of closing out the grant papers
 2. Receive update on Phase II The engineering is on schedule with the plan to put the project out to bid by fall and completion targeted for May 2016. Mona Thach made the motion to remove and reinstall approximately a 24 foot section of sidewalk immediately South of the pedestrian bridge in White Park to decrease the steepness and install appropriate railing. The Board would ask the Park staff to do the project in their slow months. Jessica Fleetwood second the motion. All board members voted in favor with motion passing.
5. Donation – Consider donation from Babe Ruth Mona Thach made the motion to accept donation of the “circle A” signs made for the Legion Field dugouts. Jessica Fleetwood second the motion. All board members voted in favor with motion passing.
6. Park Improvements
Review projects approved to be completed in 2015 for all parks.
 - a. DeeJay Floyd made the motion to have softball and baseball fields at Baldwin Park professionally sprayed for weeds and apply fertilizer and other improvements up to \$4594.. The baseball field infield grass would be killed and reseeded this fall. Mitch Forrester seconded the motion. All board members present voted in favor with motion passing.
 - b. Mitch Forrester made the motion to install the remaining sidewalks on the East and West side of Oak Park to contain the park using the Dyer Funds. The design would allow controlled vehicle access. The controlled vehicle entry would be blocked by a metal post when not used. The tree on the West boundary that is in the line of the new sidewalk would be removed and replaced with a new tree. Jessica Fleetwood seconded the motion. All board members voted in favor with motion passing.
 - c. Jessica Fleetwood made the motion to utilize the old tennis court fencing and new posts/ accessories to install a batting cage with a suspended net and tennis warm up cage on the parking lot just South of the Skate Park not encroaching on the trail. The estimated cost to be \$2,947.14 which includes the purchase of a L shaped pitcher screen. DeeJay Floyd seconded the motion. All board members voted in favor with motion passing.
 - d. Jessica Fleetwood made the motion to approve increasing the infield size which increases the base path lengths on the softball field in White Park to allow more flexibility of teams to play. Mona Thach seconded the motion. All board members voted in favor with motion passing. The project labor is donated by Singer Construction and to be completed by end of September.
 - e. DeeJay Floyd made the motion to install a 2 – 3 foot stem wall connecting the dugouts on the Legion Field. The existing fence posts would be left in place beside the stem wall. An offer of donating new netting reported to be from Shawn LePea. The estimated expense to be under \$1500. Jessica Fleetwood seconded the motion. All board members voted in favor with motion passing.
 - f. Jessica Fleetwood made the motion to accept the lowest bid to kill the infield grass at Baldwin Park baseball field and to reseed it and to begin fertilization/ weed control of the softball and baseball fields in Baldwin Park. See attached bids. Mitch Forrester second the motion. All members present voted in favor with motion passing.

7. Budget & Financials-Betty Baum –
 - a. Review expenditures presented, expected expenses and fund balances-Mona Thach made a motion to approve the expenditures as presented. Mitch Forrester second the motion. All board members present voted in favor with motion passing.
 - b. Hear “request from each committee” for a 3 year plan
 1. Committees- trails, baseball, playground, tennis, soccer, pool, landscaping & other improvements-see above with improvements
 - c. Discuss funding of activities in the Parks The Park board made a motion to table the current contract with the YMCA and defer to City Council.
 - d. Discuss funding of improvement projects for 2015 thru 2018
 - e. Draft budget for 2016 in consideration of:
 1. Our past Park budget,
 2. Parks (includes labor & equipment) See list of assets
 3. Pool and
 4. ActivitiesDeeJay made the motion to approve the first draft of the 2016 Budget to submit to Council. Jessica second the motion. All board members voted in favor with motion passing.
8. City Council recommendations: See attached.
9. Adjourn – Mona Thach made the motion to adjourn. Jessica Fleetwood second the motion. All board members voted in favor with meeting ending at 8:40 PM

Approved Oct 12, 2014

