

CITY OF ASHLAND  
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
109 EAST BROADWAY, ASHLAND, MO 65010

July 10, 2017

6:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda for July 10, 2017

Approval of the previous minutes for June 12, 2017

**New Business:**

**Old Business:**

1. Solar Eclipse
2. Future Event
3. Park Tax

**Discussion:**

Individual Reports:

City Administrator's report:

**Vote to Adjourn:**

Posted: July 6, 2017

Parks and Recreation

Board Minutes

June 12, 2017

**DRAFT NOT APPROVED BY BOARD**

On June 12, 2017, the meeting of the Ashland Park Board was called to order by Chairman Jerrod Bryan at 109 East Broadway, Ashland, Missouri at 6:03 p.m.

Board Members Present were Jerrod Bryan, Vee Fasciotti, Pamela Dees, Cynthia Wills, David Mars and Sandy Robinson-Harris. Also present was City Administrator Lyn Woolford.

Board Members Absent were Marilyn McGuire, Randy Burhans and Alderman Jesse Bronson.

Guests: Ernie Wren, Eric Bormann (Community Bank) and Christine Sapp (American Legion Post Commander)

Chairman Jerrod Bryan called for a motion to approve the agenda for June 12, 2017. Motion was made by Board member Sandy Robinson-Harris and seconded by Board member Pamela Dees to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Chairman Jerrod Bryan called for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 8, 2017 meeting. Motion was made by Board member Vee Fasciotti and seconded by Board member Cynthia Wills to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Guest Comments: Eric Bormann of Community Bank spoke regarding the community garden they are trying to implement. Community Bank owns the lot at the corner of College and Redbud and would like to use this space for the community garden. Phase 1 would consist of 4-8 raised beds. They are looking to businesses to sponsor each bed and would like to offer local churches the opportunity to rotate to maintain the beds. Beautification is an option as well as produce. Ernie Wren, board member for the Learning Garden, spoke on their behalf. He stated that in the fall, K-5 would be taking over the Learning Garden through the school, so the community garden would be beneficial for those students that are interested in middle school and high school to be able to participate. Eric Bormann stated that it is his understanding that Jenny Grabner would be able to get plants donated for the first year and if produce were planted, he would like to see some of that be able to benefit the Buddy Pack Program.

Christine Sapp was given an opportunity to speak and stated she was here to see what events the Park Board had planned regarding the Solar Eclipse.

New Business: Chairman Jerrod Bryan mentioned the need for a 5-year plan. He, along with Board Member Sandy Robinson-Harris and Alderman Jesse Bronson will work together on verbiage regarding the park tax and ideas for a 5-year plan. Board Member David Mars does not feel like a eighth of 1 percent sales tax will do any justice over a 5-year period. Discussion followed regarding what the Park Board can handle.

## Old Business:

1. Solar Eclipse: Board Member Sandy Robinson-Harris stated that the sale of the solar glasses is going well, the Optimist Club is renting out spots on their property for those interested and possibly wants to help with the sale of the glasses. The optimist board has not yet decided on the glasses but would entertain the idea of partnering with the Park Board for the Solar Eclipse event. Jason Holbrook, will have his Eagle Scoop truck in town for the day of the event from approximately 10-4. Chairman Jerrod Bryan will talk to Jose Jalapeno's to see if they are interested as well. Guest Christine Sapp mentioned that the Legion is considering selling burgers or something along those lines.
2. 4th of July Parade: Line up for the parade will be at 8:30 am at the Primary School. The parade route is to go north on Henry Clay, turn left onto Broadway, then right on North Main street and will end at the Middle School. The tractor parade that the methodist church is doing will turn south on Main Street instead of turning north.
3. Future Events: Chairman Jerrod Bryan stated that due to the Park Tax, there are more pressing issues to focus on currently. Board Member David Mars suggested a dinner and dance as a fundraiser.
4. Park Tax: Chairman Jerrod Bryan handed out some information regarding the benefits of parks and to assist with verbiage when trying to educate the community about the Park Tax. He also asked if everyone would be available to hold a special meeting on June 26, 2017 to work on the Park Tax.

## Individual Reports:

Board Member Sandy Robinson-Harris reported on the Avenue of Flags: She is working with the Optimist Club for expansion and also discussed the procedures that Centralia has in place for this type of project. The new area could possibly have a new name and not detract from the current Avenue of Flags.

Board Member Cynthia Wills reported on some ideas for creating an online survey and the 5 year plan. Bathroom conditions need improvement, such as soap, regular cleaning and more trees. It was also mentioned that the Park Board, thinks too small but is still considering an online survey.

Board Member David Mars noticed that workers were spraying while children were present - maybe this should be done later.

Chairman Jerrod Bryan reported for Marilyn McGuire in her absence that the mulch needs to be refreshed. Also inquired as to whether the art department may be interested in doing a mural on the outside of the bathrooms. Marilyn will have more information at the next meeting.

Chairman Jerrod Bryan reported that he thinks there should be a "catch and release" sign at park. Also, the park sign needs to be moved to the east side of college.

City Administrator's Report:

Motion was made by Board Member Sandy Robinson-Harris and seconded by Board Member Pamela Dees to adjourn the meeting at 8.20 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes taken by Carrie Fischer, Administrative Assistant

Parks and Recreation Board  
Special Meeting Minutes  
June 26, 2017  
**DRAFT NOT APPROVED BY BOARD**

On June 26, 2017, the meeting of the Ashland Park Board was called to order by Chairman Jerrod Bryan at 109 East Broadway, Ashland, Missouri at 6:01 p.m.

Board Members Present were Jerrod Bryan, Vee Fasciotti, Pamela Dees, Randy Burhans, David Mars and Sandy Robinson-Harris, Marilyn McGuire and Alderman Jesse Bronson. Also present was Mayor Gene Rhorer.

Board Members Absent were Cynthia Wills.

Guests: Rhett Wilkerson, Jason Johnston, and Bruce Wallace

Chairman Jerrod Bryan called for a motion to approve the agenda for June 26, 2017. Motion was made by Board member Randy Burhans and seconded by Board member Sandy Robinson-Harris to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**Park Tax:**

Mayor Gene Rhorer stated that there was approximately \$33,800 in spending for parks last fiscal year. A 1/8<sup>th</sup> of a percent park tax would generate roughly \$30,000 to \$40,000 while a ¼ of a percent would generate roughly \$60,000 to \$70,000 in revenue for Parks. He is asking for a ¼ of a percent. With this revenue, there would be a line item added to the budget for parks. The monies generated from the park tax, would be used for parks only. Discussion followed regarding how the park being supported by the general fund up to this point, is hindering the ability of the Police Department to hire staff to support the area being developed at the airport.

Chairman Jerrod Bryan stated that with the ¼ of a percent, the Park Board would be self-sustaining and not have to so heavily rely on the general fund and would be more beneficial for the future of the Park Board. Board member Randy Burhans stated that ultimately we are attempting to free up general revenue funds so they can be spent for law enforcement. Mayor Rhorer stated that as a municipality, we should not get in the habit of asking the city for a tax every year or two but every 4-5 years is tolerable. Alderman Jesse Bronson stated that there would be a 5-year sunset and the issue would be re-evaluated at that time.

Educating the community will be vital in regards to the park tax. Board member Sandy Robinson-Harris stated to educate positively; Let people know what the monies generated from the tax would enable the Park Board to do.

Guest Rhett Wilkerson stated that being a newer member to the community, there is some confusion on who or what groups/boards provide what services or activities. He said he would like to see a vision for the use of the park tax and to look forward and not just what the present needs are.

The Park Board members suggested the following ideas:

Sandy Robinson-Harris – Handicap accessible walking trail, trail lighting, improve current equipment and structures.

Vee Fasciotti – Fall ball or dance of sorts, poker run/tournament, Dog Park.

David Mars – a variety of activities and plans for the different parks such as, horseshoe pits at the pocket park on Henry Clay.

Randy Burhans – consolidation of the parks or offload the areas not being well utilized and have well marked paths to the current parks.

Marilyn McGuire – children's area/structures updated to better serve the youth of the community and refresh the tennis courts.

Individual Reports:

The following Board members reported individually:

Marilyn McGuire mentioned there had been bluebirds in Palomino Park. Pamela Dees stated that the Chamber of Commerce had a planning meeting for the Solar Eclipse and they interested in what other groups have planned. Vee Fasciotti suggested the Park Board have candy bars and soda available for sale during the Solar Eclipse event. Alderman Jesse Bronson invited anyone to join the walking school bus for the remainder of the week. Chairman Jerrod Bryan reported that the sale of the Solar Glasses had gone well but will table the rest of this discussion to the next meeting.

Motion was made by Board Member Sandy Robinson-Harris and seconded by Board Member Marilyn McGuire to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes taken by Carrie Fischer, Administrative Assistant.