

PARK BOARD MINUTES
CITY OF ASHLAND
MARCH 10, 2008

Present: Chairman Mike Fulca, Gary Sieckman, Vee Fasciotti, Wade Middaugh, Joseph Hayes, Carrie Ward.

Absent:

Guests: Cindy Carr, Mayor Mike Asmus, and City Administrator Chris Heard.

Chairman Mike Fulca called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken and the following members were in attendance: Chairman Mike Fulca, Gary Sieckman, Vee Fasciotti, Wade Middaugh, Joseph Hayes, and Carrie Ward.

Chairman Mike Fulca called for a motion to approve the agenda. Gary Sieckman made a motion to approve the agenda. Carrie Ward seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

Chairman Mike Fulca called for a motion to approve the minutes dated February 20, 2008. Gary Sieckman made a motion to approve the minutes. Carrie Ward seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Update on Easter Egg Hunt

Vee Fasciotti told the board that Sam's Club pulled out their donation for the Easter Egg Hunt. She said that by Sam's Club removing their donation the Easter Egg Hunt will probably cost around \$150.00 from the budget when completed. Vee also told the board she has contacted McDonalds and Movie Gallery in Ashland and they told her they will have the gift certificates and coupons ready before Saturday. Vee requested from the board that any members that are available on Saturday please stop by the park and help with the event. She asked that anyone who can show up please be at the park at 11:30 a.m. so they can begin setting out the eggs.

B. Update on Fall Festival 2008

Wade Middaugh presented to the board new information on the Fall Festival. Wade said that he has prepared and sent out around 100 vendor packets to the vendors on the mailing lists for the past two years. Wade said he has already received 10 vendor agreements back. Wade also mentioned that Vee Fasciotti is working on entertainment and has made some progress with regards to bands. Vee asked the board if they thought we had too much entertainment last year and if we should scale it down this year. After discussion the board decided to try and book the same amount of entertainment as last year; however the entertainment should be scattered better in the park.

C. View & Discuss future budget for fiscal year 08-09

Item was discussed under individual reports in these minutes because the subject was proposed by City Administrator Chris Heard while he was giving his report.

OLD BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION:

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS:

City Administrator discussed the budget that is currently up for approval from the board. He mentioned all of the items that are on the agenda like the tennis courts, parking lot, and Fall Festival. Joe Hayes asked what the parking lot expansion covers. Chairman Mike Fulca and Mayor Mike Asmus answered where the parking lot expansion was proposed. Mayor Mike Asmus said that he is not sure how willing the owner of the lot in question is to sell it. The Mayor said that there aren't too many parking problems usually but for major events we do seem to be a little overloaded at the Park. Chairman Mike Fulca asked about the odd electric pole and whether we could get Ameren UE to move the pole to allow for a few more parking spaces. City Administrator Chris Heard said that the park budget is the park budget and wherever we spend the money is fine. He doesn't really care where you spend it, the money is there and when it is gone, it is gone. Chairman Mike Fulca asked about possibly putting in basketball courts and whether the park board would want to spend the money on those rather than on the parking lot expansion that is proposed in the budget. Gary Sieckman agreed that we have enough parking and that it isn't necessary to add more parking spaces to the park. Guest Cindy Carr asked about putting more tables and upgrades into the budget instead of ear marking funds for parking. Chairman Mike Fulca said that picnic tables are already in the budget but more money can be spent on tables of a different variety. City Administrator Chris Heard said that again, money is money and how you spend is really open to discussion at any point. Chairman Mike Fulca asked Mayor Mike Asmus about the possibility of the City of Ashland to be designated as a Tree Town USA. Mayor Mike Asmus said that for the city to be a tree town USA they will need an arborist on staff, a tree pruning plan, and a % of the City budget must be spent on trees. Mayor Mike Asmus said that for the \$30,000 in the budget for parking lot expansion that the Park Board may want to set some aside to add a culvert in the creek and add a grassy knoll in an area at the park. He said the Park Board could request to spend the other \$20,000 on nicer benches that are more permanent. Basketball courts were discussed with David Mars having opposition to putting them where the current volleyball courts are because of residential neighborhoods in the area that may not appreciate the added noise. City Administrator Chris Heard said the he will put \$20,000 into basketball courts, \$10,000 into Palomino Ridge Park, and \$20,000 into other upgrades if that is what the Park Board decides they would like to do. Guest Cindy Carr asked about Palomino Ridge Park and what plans we have for the park. City Administrator Chris Heard discussed the current plans for the park and it being

green space for the most part. The Park Board asked that Wade Middaugh provide Chris Heard with the survey prepared about Palomino Ridge Park and February 2007 meeting minutes as well.

Guest Cindy told the board that she has decided a place in that park to put the memorial tree she had mentioned to the Park Board at the last meeting. Cindy showed the board where she is planning to put the tree as well as that she had approval from public works director John Fraga on the tree and its proposed location

Motion to adjourn meeting: Gary Sieckman made motion to adjourn the meeting. Carrie Ward seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Wade Middaugh
Utility Clerk/Park Board Secretary

Mike Fulca
Park Board Chairman