

Parks and Recreation

Board Minutes

May 8, 2017

DRAFT NOT APPROVED BY BOARD

On May 8, 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, Marilyn McGuire and Alderman Jesse Bronson. Randy Burhans arrived at 6:10. Also present were City Administrator Lyn Woolford and Mayor Gene Rhorer.

Board Members Absent were: Sandy Robinson-Harris.

Guests: none

Chairman Jerrod Bryan called for a motion to approve the agenda for May 8, 2017. Motion was made by Board member David Mars and seconded by Board member Marilyn McGuire to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Chairman Jerrod Bryan called for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2017 meeting. Motion was made by Board member Cynthia Wills and seconded by Board member Vee Fasciotti to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Gene Rhorer addressed the board regarding a Park Tax. There will be a Park Tax on the ballot during the next election cycle with a proposed amount of between .8% and .25%. What he needs from the Park Board is suggested language for a pamphlet/flier to educate the community on how the Park Tax would be beneficial. The tax needs to be promoted to benefit our parks and possible acquisition of an 18-acre lake. He would like the pamphlet/flier to be done in no more than 6-8 weeks. If the pamphlet/flier is done by the July Park Board meeting, they would be available to hand out during the Solar Eclipse event.

New Business: Board Member David Mars brought the Rural Missourian to get ideas and show the listings for events going on around Missouri. Discussion was had regarding social media and what forms of advertisement are appropriate. Chairman Jerrod Bryan suggested that "piggy-backing" on an already rooted event would be a good start to establish a Park Board event. Board Member Vee Fasciotti suggested a 5K, poker run, or other type of event. Chairman Jerrod Bryan asked the Board to still be thinking about ideas of future events the Park Board could establish.

Old Business:

1. Solar Eclipse: The board discussed how to go about keeping monies from the glasses. City Administrator Lyn Woolford asked that they not turn in a dollar or two at a time. It was decided that money would be turned in at Park Board meetings up to the Solar Eclipse. Chairman Jerrod Bryan touched on promoting the glasses and had spoken to Carl Frieling who is willing to sponsor and donate some of his advertising time on the electronic billboard.

Individual Reports:

Board Member Pamela Dees reported that a representative from the Learning Garden had approached her and stated that Connections Bank is interested in starting a community garden. City Administrator Lyn Woolford handed out the correspondence he had received regarding this request and asked what the desire of the Park Boards was. Chairman Jerrod Bryan will extend an invite to Erik Barmann to come and talk at the June 12, 2017 Park Board meeting.

Board Member Cynthia Wills asked the board if they thought a community survey would be beneficial to see what the citizens feel would be priorities pertaining to the park. Chairman Jerrod Bryan asked Cynthia to look into getting a survey together.

Board Member Marilyn McGuire suggested asking the art teachers and some of the art students to do a mural on the outside of the bathroom walls at the park to spruce it up a bit.

Board Member David Mars suggested to the members to look at the Boone County Journal more often to be aware of things going on in the community. He also stated that he didn't feel June would be a good time to plan a Park Board event due to families being out of town and on vacations.

Chairman Jerrod Bryan said glasses are selling slow but they are available at the Ashland Pharmacy.

Alderman Jesse Bronson mentioned that the Walking School Bus has started again for the Spring and encouraged anyone that would like, to participate.

Guest Comments:

None

City Administrator's Report:

City Administrator handed out some pictures from Leapfrog Enterprises. They are requesting to use the whole park on May 20, 2017 from 9 am-7 pm and will be charging a fee to utilize their equipment. City Administrator Lyn Woolford will suggest they make a donation to the park.

Motion was made by Board Member Randy Burhans and seconded by Board Member Marilyn McGuire to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes taken by Carrie Fischer, Administrative Assistant