

## Parks and Recreation

### Board Minutes

September 12, 2016

On September 12, 2016, the meeting of the Ashland Park Board was called to order by Chairwoman Charlotte Beuselinck at 109 East Broadway, Ashland, Missouri at 6:01 p.m.

Board Members Present were: Charlotte Beuselinck, Chairwoman, Sandy Robinson-Harris, Marilyn McGuire, Vee Vasciotti and Alderman Jesse Bronson. David Mars came in at 6:03.

Board Members Absent were: none.

Guests: City Administrator/Chief of Police Lyn Woolford, Chamber Board Member Chelsea Wren and Virginia Stroegen with the Camden County Astronomy Club.

Lemonade Daze Committee Present were: none

Chairwoman Beuselinck called for a motion to approve the agenda for September 12, 2016. Board member Marilyn McGuire made a motion and the motion was seconded by Board member Sandy Robinson-Harris to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Chairwoman Beuselinck called for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 9, 2016 meeting. Board member Vee Fasciotti made a motion and the motion was seconded by Board member Sandy Robinson-Harris to approve the minutes as recorded. Motion carried.

Chairwoman Beuselinck introduced guest Virginia Stroegen from the Camden County Astrology Club. Virginia spoke regarding the Solar Eclipse on August 21, 2017:

- Solar Eclipse to start at 10:00 a.m. with total eclipse to be seen at 1:12 p.m.
- Solar Glasses are a must and could be used as a fundraiser
- City should be prepared for increased population for the duration of the event
- Approximately 12 members from Camden County Astrology Club will be in attendance and have telescopes and other equipment on hand
- All of the above is weather permitting

Chairwoman Beuselinck thanked Virginia for starting the preparations early.

#### New Business

##### 1. Solar Eclipse

- a) Board member Marilyn McGuire posed the question as to whether or not the school would be willing participants and that the solar glasses would be a good fundraiser.
- b) Board member Vee Fasciotti stated that this is more of a community event and it was suggested to get the Chamber, Optimist Club etc., involved to assist with the event as this is a bigger event than what the Park Board alone could handle. Vee also suggested an organizational meeting be held with all groups who are willing to participate. It was discussed and decided to contact groups

to gauge interest and participation. Alderman Bronson will contact Board of Alderman, Heartland Baptist Church, School Board, and the Chamber of Commerce. Chairwoman Beuselinck will contact the Optimist Club. Board member Vee Fasciotti will contact the Churches and Lyn Woolford will contact the Southern Boone Economic Development Group.

- c) Chairwoman Beuselinck will get in touch with Chris Felmlee, School Superintendent, regarding use of the school for the organizational meeting.

## 2. Lemonade Daze

Chairwoman Beuselinck sent emails to the committee members in hopes of getting feedback but received none. The weather was very hot and likely affected attendance. Decision was made to table further discussion until January as no members of the committee were present.

## 3. Budget Review

Lyn Woolford stated that salaries for Officer staff had been paid but did not come out of the Park Board budget but rather the police budget. Board member Vee Fasciotti stated there was some confusion as to what was coming in and going out that need clarifying. Board member Sandy Robinson-Harris requested a breakdown of the year history of the \$3858.53 so they can see where the funds are being spent. Board member Sandy Robinson-Harris made a motion to move the remainder of the funds from Lemonade Daze to Tree Lighting. Board member Marilyn McGuire seconded. Motion approved.

## 4. Tree Lighting

Chelsea Wren introduced herself and wanted to clear the air that the Chamber does not want to take over the Tree Lighting. The Tree Lighting kicks off the Chamber's "Home for the Holidays" weekend and the Chamber would like to work with the Park Board and assist with the event. Chelsea would like to have dinner on Friday night to coincide with the Tree Lighting instead of breakfast on Saturday morning as in past years. Chairwoman Beuselinck agreed that the Park Board would like to work the Chamber on this event.

## 5. Playground Equipment

Lyn Woolford spoke regarding the playground equipment at the park that were showing signs of wear and tear and had a couple of baby swings present for examples that had been taken down. Coby Morris, Street Department Supervisor, is looking into some pricing of playground equipment to be replaced. Swings could be deemed a safety issue and could potentially be purchased with city funds. There was discussion about complaints regarding the park. Board member Vee Fasciotti stated that in the past, there had not been much follow through on issues that were raised. Alderman Bronson said he would make a better effort to relay concerns to the Board of Aldermen. Tennis nets were discussed and the questions were posed regarding when the Park tax is to be put on the ballot. Alderman Bronson will bring this issue to the Board of Aldermen. Wording needs to be clear and everything in order to be put on the ballot. The point was made by Lyn

Woolford that we would not want the Park tax and Use tax on the ballot together. Chairwoman Beuselinck had a flyer from Gametime Play Equipment out of Fort Payne, AL, offering grant funds for playground equipment. Board member Marilyn McGuire volunteered to research the company and find out what is needed to apply for the grant.

## Discussion

### Flag Committee

Board member Sandy Robinson-Harris talked about some of the history regarding the Avenue of Flags. The current flags are approximately 13 feet apart. The following are some items that need to be considered before continuing the Avenue of Flags project:

- Look into the easements
- Determine what space is available
- Fiber line needs to be located
- Is the area restricted due to lighting – can they run from the water tower down to Robinson Funeral Home
- Who will do the installation of the poles, plaques, flags, lighting, etc.
- Need to find the old application or create a new one.
- Pole sharing could be an option

There is currently a waiting list of over 100 people who are interested in flags and poles. Board member Sandy Robinson-Harris also stated that a few years back, the Optimist Club had offered both sides of their drive for the continuance of flags. With the information on hand, it stated that the Flag Committee from 2014 consisted of Sandy Robinson-Harris, Tracy Howard, Debbie Bowden, Mary Lee Wren, and Jessi Kendall. It was also discussed the fee in the past was \$300 for the first 2 years (installation included) and \$75 per year after that for maintenance. This fee would pertain only to the flags installed and going forward. The POW flag should be lowered to be in compliance with USA Flag protocol. Proper flag etiquette needs to be maintained.

### Miscellaneous Business

The light at Mustang Park for the flag is not working. They cannot fly a flag until it is fixed.

Discussion was had about a Facebook posting on Ashland/Hartsburg Swap Shop regarding comments about donations for new park equipment.

Board Member Sandy Robinson-Harris made a motion and was seconded by Board Member David Mars to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes taken by Carrie Fischer, Administrative Assistant