

**CITY OF MASCOUTAH
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
#3 WEST MAIN STREET
MASCOUTAH, IL 62258-2030**

JANUARY 13, 2016

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission of the City of Mascoutah.

CALL TO ORDER

Councilman Steve Heizer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Commission members Harold Knoth, Ryan Hinrichs, Mark Pruett, Steve Heizer, Doug Elbe, Amy Gaultney and Adam Kasper were present.

ABSENT

No one was absent.

ALSO PRESENT

City Manager Cody Hawkins and Executive Assistant Lisa Other were present. Mike Voegele was also in attendance.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

A quorum of Parks & Recreation Commission members was present.

AMEND AGENDA

There was no need to amend the agenda.

MINUTES

Adam Kasper motioned to accept the October 14, 2015 minutes. This was seconded by Doug Elbe and all other members agreed.

FINANCIALS

The financial review for December 2015 Parks and Recreation Commission was accepted.

Park Grants Update:

Hawkins noted that the St Clair County Park Grant payment for Maple Park improvements has been received.

Hawkins also noted that the engineering for the berm trail from Route 4 to 10th St. is underway with construction possible in 2016 & 2017 due to CMAQ & ITEP grant funds.

Tree Sub Committee:

The committee plans to meet on January 27th to discuss Arbor Day goals, tree trimming and spreading the sulfur as soon as the weather cooperates. The possibility of Bail-Co donating trees to the City parks was discussed.

Scheve Park:

Hawkins noted that North 10th Street is open and requires minimal work and grass seed in the spring for completion. Parking is no longer allowed on the east side of the street since it is a collector street. The addition of a new parking lot just north of the ball fields is being discussed.

Knoth mentioned adding roto mix by the Skate Park to allow for additional parking.

New “Welcome to Historic Mascoutah” signs are in the works. Possible removal of the civic organization signs at all 4 entrances to town and replacement of them on the grandstand bleachers was discussed.

Hawkins discussed concerns with the Ag building being used by auctioneers as an auction house and associated rental fees.

Mike Voegle noted that MAC is applying for a Major League Baseball grant this spring.

Dog Park:

The Dog Park parking lot has been put on hold for now pending an updated Scheve Park Master Plan.

Maple Park:

Knoth questioned whether it might be a possibility to reopen the bathrooms in Maple Park. This could be part of a future grant project.

Prairie Lakes Park:

No updates.

Miscellaneous:

Mark Pruett volunteered to assist with raking gumballs in Scheve Park.

ADJOURNMENT

Parks and Recreation Commission adjourned at 7:26 p.m.