

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

MAY 11, 2016

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Harold Knoth called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Doug Elbe was absent.

ALSO PRESENT

City Manager Cody Hawkins and Executive Assistant Lisa Other were present.

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 April 13, 2016 minutes. This was seconded by Mark Pruett and all other members agreed.

FINANCIALS

The financial review for April 2016 Parks and Recreation Commission was accepted.

Park Grants Update:

Hawkins stated that the next round of St. Clair County Grants should be out at the end of summer. The application will be for paving the new parking lot on the west end of the park behind the ball fields.

Engineering work has begun for the berm trail grant.

The MAC (Mascoutah Athletic Commission) site visit for the MLB grant to add a girls softball field in the southwest corner of the park at the corner of Harnett St & 10th St went well. The City has issued a letter supporting the project.

Tree Sub Committee:

The committee is meeting on May 25th (weather permitting) to spread the sulfur in Scheve Park and remark the trees that need removed.

Scheve Park:

Heizer expressed concern over the inappropriate use of the North pavilion. Juveniles are suspected in drinking and vandalism.

Knoth noted that the wood and metal for the pavilion reroofing has been paid for. Volunteers will complete the roofing.

Hawkins gave an update on the 1st Baptist Church volunteer project scheduled for June 6th. They are hoping to provide about 40 volunteers for approximately 20 hours in June. Suggested volunteer projects included:

- Power washing and painting pavilions and restroom interiors
- Painting the north end of the Depot
- Painting concrete wall at grandstands

South Mascoutah Jaycee's were interested in adding playground equipment for small children closer to the ball fields. Placement and equipment type were discussed. Hawkins will discuss further and bring it back to the commission.

Gaultney stated that Natalie Blakemoor from Unlimited Play hopes to attend the July meeting to further discuss grant possibilities.

Knoth verified the light usage payment amount for the Horsehoe club.

Dog Park:

Tim Boyce is looking into different style locks for the gates. The addition of a bulletin board at the entrance is a current Eagle Scout project. Boyce is looking into purchasing 2 pieces of agility equipment. Hawkins noted that the July 4th fireworks will be staged in the dog park parking lot.

Maple Park:

Discussion included the possibility of a roller hockey rink much like the one in New Baden. Knoth and Hawkins plan to go visit the one in New Baden since a possible donor/ organizer has asked whether the City might entertain adding a similar facility.

Prairie Lakes Park:

The Street department repaired the leak caused by muskrats.

Miscellaneous:

No updates.

ADJOURNMENT

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