

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

JANUARY 8, 2014

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ken Tyler called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

PRESENT

Commission members Harold Knoth, Steve Heizer, Mark Pruett, Ryan Hinrichs, Bill Witts and Chairman Ken Tyler were present.

ABSENT

Adam Kasper was absent.

ALSO PRESENT

Executive Assistant Lisa Other and City Manager Cody Hawkins 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

Harold Knoth motioned to accept the October 9, 2013 minutes. This was seconded by Bill Witts and all other members agreed.

FINANCIALS

Harold Knoth motioned to accept the November & December financial review. This was seconded by Steve Heizer and all other members agreed.

Park Grants Update:

The City Manager reviewed status of grants. The grant application submitted to MEPRD for matching funds for new stationary bleachers should be selected and awarded in February. He also reviewed the possible grants sources and deadlines as well as a review of current submissions awaiting selection dates.

Tree Sub Committee:

Hinrichs gave a brief update on the review of the Horticultural Manual for the Tree City USA application. Hawkins stated that he located some information that would be beneficial to the process.

Scheve Park:

In early spring a fence will be added around the Kiddie Park along with a security light. Also a sign will be added to prevent larger kids from using and ruining the play equipment that was installed for young children.

Pruett lead a discussion concerning feasabililty of renovating the current tennis courts into a skate park as part of the Capital Improvements Plan. Hawkins suggested an asphalt overlay. Pruett has agreed to make a presentation to the commission at the March meeting to discuss details of this project.

Knoth voiced concern about residents feeding animals in the park especially stray cats.

Hawkins also gave an update on pool repairs. A bid is due next week for extensive renovations on the big pool. This project includes sandblasting, concrete work and a commercial grade Diamond Brite surface.

Maple Park:

Chairman Tyler asked about new sidewalks around Maple Park. Hawkins stated that he would like to include that in the ADA sidewalk project since it is in the vicinity of a church, school and park.

Prairie Lakes Park:

Hawkins stated that the rip rap project is complete. The broken bridge spindles have been replaced and the east fountain will be repaired next season. Witts suggested cleaning up and maintaining the cause way better next year as well as some possible trail clean-up between the Lagoon and Brickyard Road.

Miscellaneous:

The next commission meeting will be in March.

ADJOURNMENT

Harold Knoth motioned to adjourn at 7:51 p.m. Ryan Hinrich seconded the motion and all other members agreed.