

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

**JANUARY 14, 2015**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commission member Harold Knoth called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

Ken Tyler and Bill Witts were 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**

Steve Heizer motioned to accept the November 12, 2014 minutes. This was seconded by Mark Pruett and all other members agreed.

**FINANCIALS**

The financial review for November & December 2014 Parks and Recreation Commission was accepted.

**Park Grants Update:**

City Manager Cody Hawkins gave everyone a brief update on the MEPRD skate park grant. Hawkins explained that the City has received a verbal confirmation of support from MEPRD for the phased Skate Park project to be completed over the next few years.

The St. Clair County Parks Grant cycle will be March 15<sup>th</sup> - May 1<sup>st</sup> and will likely be awarded in June of 2015.

The CMAQ grant transfer was denied so the City has appealed the decision.

Hawkins also noted that the new governor has limited grant spending until the state budget is under control so that could affect future grants.

**Tree Sub Committee:**

Hinrichs stated that their next meeting will be January 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss their plan for the New Year.

**Scheve Park:**

Mark Beer of the Mascoutah Athletic Association provided the City Manager with an update concerning ball field work. Next month they have planned a charity event to help fund the Duraedge project on fields 4 and 5. The commission also recommended inviting all of the organizations using the ball fields to attend the February meeting to better plan for the year's usage.

Heizer noted that the playground needs wood chips and that "No Smoking" signs are needed by the restrooms to prevent teens from smoking there.

CTS in checking into the details of upgrading the park cameras in hopes that this can be included in next year's budget.

Hawkins plans to have bid specs for the skate park phase 1 out in the next few weeks. He also discussed possible equipment for future phases and requested feedback.

**Dog Park:**

Knoth stated that the new picnic table will be installed in the spring.

**Maple Park:**

The MIA will begin installation of the new playground equipment in the spring.

**Prairie Lakes Park:**

Hawkins stated that EWR has completed the update to the master plan and he will bring them a draft copy for review.

**Miscellaneous:**

Mayor Jerry announced the resignation of Chairman Ken Tyler. The commission decided to place Harold Knoth in the Chairman position. Mayor Jerry will be recruiting another commission member.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Parks and Recreation Commission adjourned at 7:29 p.m.