

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

**MARCH 11, 2015**

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 6:57 p.m.

**PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

Bill Witts was absent.

**ALSO PRESENT**

Executive Assistant Lisa Other and Executive Assistant Melissa Schanz were present. Eagle Scout Bryce Etling and his mother were present. Mascoutah Athletic Commission representatives Mark Beer, Kenny Kehrer and Nick Siebert were present.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

A quorum of Parks & Recreation Commission members was present.

**AMEND AGENDA**

The agenda was amended to allow the Eagle Scout and MAC discussions first.

**MINUTES**

Steve Heizer motioned to accept the January 14, 2015 minutes. This was seconded by Mark Pruett and all other members agreed.

**FINANCIALS**

The financial review for January & February 2015 Parks and Recreation Commission was accepted.

**Eagle Scout Project:** Bryce Etling gave a brief presentation to explain his Eagle Scout project. Bryce will be building an enclosed bulletin board to display fliers and a frisbee golf course guide. Pat McMahan has agreed to assist Bryce with the project which will be completed by May 11th.

**Ball Field Updates:**

Mark Beer of the Mascoutah Athletic Commission (MAC) gave an update concerning ball field work. The organization has raised \$20,000 through fundraisers and Khoury League has verbally agreed to donate \$10,000 toward the field upgrades. Grading work is beginning and the dirt has been ordered from Agro-Logics to upgrade fields 4 & 5. They are hopeful to do more work in the fall. Creating an additional t-ball field and drainage issues were also discussed.

Beer also explained that MAC wanted to sell advertising signs to be displayed on the ball field fencing during the ball season. Beer understood that this might not be possible according to current code, so the commission made a motion to make this practice acceptable.

Executive Assistant Melissa Schanz gave an update concerning ball field usage and maintenance. No major changes concerning usage this year, but the City is looking into maintaining the fields. Mike Voegele, Doug Elbe and possibly another part-timer will plan to take the training concerning the new field dirt maintenance and upkeep.

Khoury is planning a spring clean-up for 3/21/15 with opening day on 4/25/15.

Shawn Mayberry will be joining Mike Voegele in leading the Friday Night League. Their season opens on 4/24/15.

Team Mascoutah plans to continue using the ball field on the south side for practice. They are planning to host a tournament in June.

No updates from the Little Indians due to a change in leadership.

**Park Grants Update:**

No updates for grants.

**Tree Sub Committee:**

Hinrichs stated that at the February meeting they reviewed their annual plan. Next month they plan to begin staking the smaller trees. Low hanging limbs were also discussed.

**Scheve Park:**

Knoth noted that the MIA paid to have the metal roofs in the park painted green. Ball field lighting and damage to the electric boxes was noted as requiring repairs. Knoth stated that the donated airplane in the little kid area has been destroyed so it will be removed.

Discussion also included the need for wood chips at the playground and “No Smoking” signs by the restrooms.

**Dog Park:**

Discussion included adding an area for smaller dogs. The commission prefers that this area be created inside the current dog park. Mud around the watering station was also discussed.

**Maple Park:**

The MIA will begin installation of the new playground equipment as soon as the weather breaks.

**Prairie Lakes Park:**

No updates for PLP.

**Miscellaneous:**

The commission will meet in April. It was also recommended that during May or June the commission should have a walking meeting to look around the parks.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Parks and Recreation Commission adjourned at 7:40 p.m.