

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

JULY 9, 2014

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 Harold Knoth, Steve Heizer, Bill Witts, Ryan Hinrichs, Adam Kasper and Mark Pruett were present.

ABSENT

Chairman Ken Tyler was absent.

ALSO PRESENT

Executive Assistant Melissa Schanz 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 June 11, 2014 minutes. This was seconded by Bill Witts and all other members agreed.

FINANCIALS

Steve Heizer motioned to accept the financial review. This was seconded by Mark Pruett and all other members agreed.

Park Grants Update:

City Manager Cody Hawkins gave everyone a brief update on the CMAQ grant.

Tree Sub Committee:

Hinrichs stated that the tree subcommittee met on June 18th at 4pm. They trimmed low branches and the suckers of many park trees. He also mentioned that Debbie and the memorial tree committee were out mulching and that everything is looking good. There will be a few trees that need taken down and the committee will get with the city on those plans.

Scheve Park:

Harold reminded everyone of the dedication of the new playground on July 11, 2014 at 6pm. There will be juice and cookies along with a short presentation.

Knoth left the commission know that the fence is down from around the old tennis courts and it has been blacktopped for the skate park.

City Manager talked about the skate park. He explained how he gave Mark Pruett the go ahead to make a concrete ramp for the new park, but after some discussion with the attorney it was decided that we probably need to go with company built equipment that meets all standards to keep everyone safe from lawsuits. Cody said we will have \$25,000 available to use even if we don't get the grant and it was also mentioned that any group can fundraise for this project.

Cody made everyone aware that there has been a group of volunteers come to him offering to redo all the dirt infields of the ball fields at Scheve Park. He explained how these are people who have access to the proper dirt and have knowledge of these kinds of projects. City Manager has approved it and stated it will all be done for free.

Maple Park:

The City Manager stated that we are in the process of getting quotes for the additional playground equipment at Maple Park with the grant money we were awarded.

Prairie Lakes Park:

Fountains are on and working, Cody explained how one needs a new float but will not get installed until the end of the season when we take them out for the winter.

Miscellaneous:

Steve Heizer said the volleyball court has been sprayed twice, but not weeded yet. Steve also said he has been asked about handicap accessibility to the ball fields when the gates are closed on Park Drive. It was stated by staff and Witts that we usually let people drop off in the back of the concession area between fields #4 & #5, which you would get to by going back by the AG Building.

Witts asked about the quarterly meetings with the sports organizations in town. Staff explained how they will initiate the meetings and will let the commission know when the meetings are so they can also attend if they want to.

Harold Knoth stated that we had a great July 4th.

Cody Hawkins gave an update on the sports lights being installed in Scheve Park. He explained how we had a few issues with the installation at the Silver Creek Saloon, but all is figured out and everything should be installed in the next few weeks.

The next Commission meeting will be August 13, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

Bill Witts motioned to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. Ryan Hinrichs seconded the motion and all other members agreed.