

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

**NOVEMBER 12, 2014**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

No one 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 8, 2014 minutes. This was seconded by Steve Heizer and all other members agreed.

**FINANCIALS**

The financial review for October 2014 Parks and Recreation Commission was accepted.

**Park Grants Update:**

City Manager Cody Hawkins gave everyone a brief update on the outstanding PARC grant application, wrap-up of the MEPRD bleachers grant, playground equipment for Maple Park, berm trail and safe routes to school grants.

Hawkins explained that the City has received a verbal confirmation from MEPRD for the skate park grant. This is a 25% matching grant so the City would have to use the \$25,000 from the current park budget as well as try for another grant or budget the remaining \$14,000 in the next fiscal year to cover the proposed \$50,000 upgrades. Hawkins presented two different options for the commission to discuss. It was agreed that the chosen plan was best for all skill levels and can be easily upgraded in the future.

Bill Witts motioned to accept the NuToys Design proposal SW3\_101\_79792-2-1 for the skate park. Harold Knoth seconded the motion and all other members agreed.

**Tree Sub Committee:**

Hinrichs stated that the emerald ash borer has also infiltrated the white fringe trees. Fortunately we do not have any of these in the park.

**Scheve Park:**

Ball field work was discussed. 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.

The roto-mix from Harnett Street has been used to create handicapped parking spaces near the bleachers. Picnic table placement and park vandalizing were discussed along with the need for better resolution cameras to catch offenders. Hawkins discussed upgrading to IP cameras. The commission also feels like community service as a punishment for vandalizing the park is not an effective deterrent. They suggested the possibility of fines ranging from \$250-\$500 per offense.

**Dog Park:**

Discussion focused on memorial trees and tree placement. Hawkins suggested a master plan be created for the park.

**Maple Park:**

Playground equipment purchased with grant funds has arrived and the MIA will begin installation in the spring.

**Prairie Lakes Park:**

No updates.

**Miscellaneous:**

The next Parks & Recs Meeting will be in January.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Parks and Recreation Commission adjourned at 7:45 p.m.