

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

SEPTEMBER 9, 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 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Commission member Doug Elbe was absent.

ALSO PRESENT

City Manager Cody Hawkins and Executive Assistant Lisa Other were present. MAC representatives Nick Seibert, Mark Beer and Mike Voegelé were also in attendance.

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 August 12, 2015 minutes. This was seconded by Ryan Hinrich and all other members agreed.

FINANCIALS

The financial review for August 2015 Parks and Recreation Commission was accepted.

Park Grants Update:

Hawkins confirmed that the St Clair County Park Grant applied for Maple Park improvements (new fence, replace basketball court) was approved. Metro East Park District Grant: The application for next phase of the skate park has been put on hold until next year. Hawkins noted that EWR is working on updating the Parks Master Plan so we have a plan for future development.

Amy Gaultney is planning a meeting with Unlimited Play to discuss possible grants for accessible play equipment for Scheve Park.

Hawkins also noted that the engineering for the berm trail from Route 4 to 10th St. is underway with construction possible in the spring due to CMAQ & ITEP grant funds.

Tree Sub Committee:

Hinrichs confirmed that the sulfur measurements are complete and projected costs will be around \$150. The committee plans to spread the sulfur in the late fall.

Scheve Park:

The MIA plans to purchase and install 2 Expression swings (mom & me swings). One for Maple Park and one for Scheve Park.

Mark Beer from MAC (Mascoutah Athletic Commission) gave a brief update. Field work is finished on fields 2 & 3 with the exception of needing a bit more sand. The organization has spent \$35,000 on four of the fields this year. They also installed drain tile and the sump pump is working again. Fence replacements were also mentioned. Beer is also working on a manual with care instructions and maintenance guideline for the new fields. He plans to complete the manual this winter and give all organizations using the fields as well as the City a copy.

Knoth mentioned that the Keck Memorial bench needs to be replaced due to the damage during Homecoming.

Dog Park:

Per Hawkins's update to the commission the Dog Park parking lot is on hold until the Park Master Plan has been updated for that side of the park. The Park Board will be involved in the plan update.

Concerns for placement and future use as well as making the most of the park's green space were discussed.

Maple Park:

Hawkins noted that besides the upcoming fence replacement and basketball court grant work the only other things needing attention are the pavilion and storage building/ bathroom.

Prairie Lakes Park:

No updates.

Miscellaneous: Pruett asked about the development of Brickyard Subdivision and suggested that when the second phase begins that would be a good time to work on the old railroad track walking trail.

ADJOURNMENT

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