

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

APRIL 8, 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, Adam Kasper, Ryan Hinrichs, Mark Pruett, Amy Gualtney and Chairman Harold Knoth were present.

ABSENT

Doug Elbe was absent.

ALSO PRESENT

City Manager Cody Hawkins and Executive Assistant Melissa Schanz 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 March 11, 2015 minutes. This was seconded by Mark Pruett and all other members agreed.

FINANCIALS

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

Ball Field Updates:

Melissa stated that Fields are coming along and everyone is working together on field maintenance. Mark Pruett questioned field drainage which we explained is being looked at as field work is being done and we hope to have that under control this year, but will continue to monitor.

Park Grants Update:

Cody gave brief update on grants.

Tree Sub Committee:

Hinrichs stated that they staked trees and will re-mark a few trees by the bathrooms that need cut. The next meeting of the Tree Sub Committee will be April 29, 2015 at 7pm.

Scheve Park:

Knoth noted that the MIA will not be interested in Rodeo involvement in the future. He also told the Commission that they are making new grills for the pavilions this spring in Scheve Park. Cody stated that the Skate Park will be delivered and installed the week of May 4. Harold thanked Mark Pruett for all his hard work with cleaning up the park of leaves. Mark expressed interest in painting the trim around the

pavilions and Harold stated that MIA would help replace some old boards on the pavilions to. Harold asked about the cameras at the park and Cody explained how we are not renewing that contract.

Dog Park:

No updates for DP.

Maple Park:

The MIA installed the new playground equipment and asked that the City order the Kiddie Cushion. The MIA is also getting a load of dirt for low areas at the park. Harold asked that the City order signs restricting the age of kids to play on the new equipment. City Staff stated that would get ordered as soon as possible.

Prairie Lakes Park:

No updates for PLP.

Miscellaneous:

Earlier in the meeting Harold introduced the new Parks and Recreation Commission member Amy Gualtney. She explained how her background and current job with “Unlimited Play” could help with getting handicap equipment in our parks. She also asked about work days at Mascoutah Parks. It was mentioned that most work that gets done is during the day when many are working, but will look at “Work Day” options in the future for those who work. The railroad trail off 10th street was also discussed and Cody stated that that project will wait till development gets started.

The commission will meet in May.

ADJOURNMENT

Parks and Recreation Commission adjourned at 7:38 p.m.