

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

APRIL 9, 2014

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ken Tyler called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Bill Witts was absent.

ALSO PRESENT

City Manager Cody Hawkins and Executive Assistant Lisa Other 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 12, 2014 minutes. This was seconded by Harold Knoth and all other members agreed.

FINANCIALS

Harold Knoth motioned to accept the March financial review. This was seconded by Mark Pruett and all other members agreed.

Park Grants Update:

City Manager Cody Hawkins reviewed status of grants. A grant application will be submitted in May for the next round of St Clair County Parks Grants. The proposal will include updating the last few pieces of standalone play equipment (swings, slide and teeter totter) at Maple Park. Since the award is up to \$30,000 the proposal may also include some additional updating of the basketball hoops and or fencing replacement. Assistant City Manager Lisa Koerkenmeier is gathering information and submitting the grant proposal.

Tree Sub Committee:

Hinrichs stated that the committee has been planning to trim trees and look for damage around the parks. The City Manager commended the Horticultural Manual and plans to get it to Council for approval. Sulfur treatment is a continued concern.

Scheve Park:

Knoth reported that the old fence around the Kiddie Park has been removed and the new one will be installed next week.

The new bleachers are expected to be delivered on the 21st and Knoth noted that volunteers will be assembling them to save a total of \$28,000. Hawkins stated that KRB has started the concrete work so it will have time to cure before installation.

Pruett mentioned removing the old fences around the tennis courts and possibly scrapping them for funds to put in a couple of pieces of low cost equipment for the skate park. Hawkins said that the Park Drive project funding has been awarded and that the City is waiting on the contractor. Work is expected to be completed in May or June. Since the grant will more than cover the cost Hawkins will submit a change order for reallocation of funds so the old tennis courts can be asphalted and used as a skate park.

Hawkins gave an update on pool repairs. The sand blasting is completed and the tile work is underway. The new Diamond Brite surface will be in place prior to regularly scheduled opening of the pool. Hawkins is enthusiastic that the community will enjoy the \$70,000 upgrade.

The relocation of lights from Silver Creek Saloon to Scheve Park is delayed due to electrical service issues, but ultimately they will be added along Harnett & 10th Streets.

Khoury league has done extensive repairs to Richter field #4 so it is out of service until June to allow for grass growth.

Maple Park:

Knoth requested a cross walk on the Zion Church side of Maple Park.

Prairie Lakes Park:

Hawkins explained that the fountain repairs are still in progress. The electric crews are awaiting parts. The Boy Scouts painted the bridge as a community service project.

Miscellaneous:

Mark Pruett suggested using the old railroad tracks as a possible walking trail that could eventually run from Railway St near the Power Plant to Silver Creek Reserve with the option of a loop back up to Main Street as sidewalks are added in the new Brickyard Subdivision. Feasibility and continued maintenance were discussed. The commission plans to revisit the possibility in the late summer.

The next Commission meeting will be May 14th as the Commission decided to resume meeting monthly through the summer months.

ADJOURNMENT

Harold Knoth motioned to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. Ryan Hinrich seconded the motion and all other members agreed.