

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

MAY 14, 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 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Ryan Hinrichs was absent.

ALSO PRESENT

Executive Assistant Lisa Other and Mike Voegelé 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 April 9, 2014 minutes. This was seconded by Steve Heizer and all other members agreed.

FINANCIALS

Harold Knoth motioned to accept the April financial review. This was seconded by Bill Witts and all other members agreed.

Park Grants Update:

City Manager Cody Hawkins prepared a memo reviewing park updates and grant status. Ken Tyler read the memo to the commission. Hawkins stated:

- PARC we have not heard back yet (skate park ramps)
- DCEO Grant (Park Drive) I have applied for a grant modification to include asphaltting the old tennis court for the skate park. It is almost through the approval process and we should get that approval in the next couple of weeks.
- County Park Grant, we applied for playground equipment for Maple Park

- ITEP Grant, we did not receive this grant for a 10' multiuse trail on County Road
- CMAQ Grant, We did receive, but have not gotten approval to start the 10' multi-use trail on the berm from Rt. 4 to 10th Street. In addition, we are working to move the CMAQ Grant from Fuesser Road to the berm to complete the trail from 10th Street to County Road.

Tree Sub Committee:

Kasper stated that the committee plans to trim trees and take care of new shoots on the trees around the parks. He also presented the Arboricultural Specifications Manual for review. Chairman Tyler commended the committee on their efforts to create the manual.

Harold Knoth motioned to recommend the Arboricultural Specifications Manual to the City Council for approval. Mark Pruett seconded the motion and all other members agreed.

Scheve Park:

Hawkins' memo concerning Scheve Park included :

- Bleachers are under construction and coming along well (City/MIA project).
- Children's Playground fence was installed this past week (City/MIA project). We have been getting lots of good feedback about the fence and how nice it looks.
- The old pool renovation is complete (pictures attached) and we are working on sprucing up the bathhouse before the season starts with interior painting, and new siding/fascia/soffit.
- Field lights for the Southwest corner of the park are still in the process.
- Park Drive reconstruction has started and should be complete whenever they can get a couple of dry days to work.

Knoth noted that the new playground fence looks great Thanks to donations from John Bailey, Noon Lions, Tuesday Women's Club and the Township. All additional costs not covered by grants or donated funds were covered by the MIA. He also noted that the next MIA project is the concrete pad and water access for humans and dogs at the dog park.

Knoth stated the bleachers are up and the final handicapped accessible features will be added soon to complete the project. He foresees the bleachers as an asset to the park since they can be used to host events such as horse shows, rodeos and other events.

Knoth commended Mark Pruett for several volunteer hours raking up gum balls around the Depot.

Heizer noted that the new lights at the kiddie playground are great and he asked if the lights at the larger play area could be changed out to the new brighter bulbs to help deter vandalism.

The commission also decided that they would like to invite the Little Indians to a future meeting and get an update on their plans for football field usage and practice areas.

Maple Park:

Per the CM memo the St Clair County grant included a new slide, teeter-totter and swing sets. Heizer recommended that when replacing playground equipment like that applied for in the St Clair County grant, the bleacher salesman would be a good contact since he worked with several different manufacturers.

Prairie Lakes Park:

Hawkins memo stated that the fountain repairs are completed and they are turned on for the season and the bridge has been painted.

Miscellaneous:

Pruett explained that he has informally been chatting with teens concerning the skate park to gain insight on what equipment would be most used. He also mentioned using out of pocket money to have a welder make rails and other inexpensive pieces once the tennis courts are blacktopped and the fences are removed. Liability was an area of concern.

Knoth mentioned illegal parking on the grass off of 10th Street during Khoury League games. Since signs are posted the parking rules need to be enforced.

Mike Voegle of the Mascoutah Adult Softball League expressed his concerns over field usage and maintenance issues. A lengthy discussion ensued concluding that more open communication and cooperation is necessary. The commission suggested a group meeting of all organizations that use the ball fields to discuss issues and concerns.

The next Commission meeting will be June 11th, as the Commission decided to resume meeting monthly through the summer months.

ADJOURNMENT

Bill Witts motioned to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Steve Heizer seconded the motion and all other members agreed.