

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

OCTOBER 14, 2020

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

CALL TO ORDER

Commission member Harold Knoth called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Commission members Steve Heizer, Mark Pruett, Adam Kasper & Doug Elbe, Ryan Hinrichs, and Nick Carr were present.

ABSENT

None

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Jerry Daugherty, City Manager Brad Myers, Executive Assistant Julia Biggs, and Councilman Pat McMahan were present.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

A quorum of Parks and Recreation Commission members was present.

AMEND AGENDA

There was no need to amend the agenda.

MINUTES

Elbe moved and seconded by Kasper to approve the minutes of October 9, 2019 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting and all other members agreed.

FINANCIALS

No financial information was presented.

Park Grants Update:

Myers stated that the MEPRD Grant for this year has already been awarded before Mascoutah was eligible to enter. St. Clair County grants have been put on hold until the spring of 2021. He also discussed the ITEP grant that the City is pursuing. Pruett asked about the ITEP project specifics, which will add a trail on the L&N Railway Corridor.

Tree Sub Committee:

Hinrichs stated that they are planning on planting four trees in Scheve Park this fall. Carr discussed his father's memorial tree, which is being donated and they would like to plant it near the soccer practice area.

Scheve Park:

Heizer discussed the updates at the AG Building, the new merry go round, and the updated tractor pull track. He mentioned that vandalism seems to have increased within the park and in the park restrooms. He mentioned the outfields on baseball field six and seven are extremely rutted up from mowers and vehicles. Heizer talked about the splash pad project, which when installed, will be situated by the kiddie playground. Myers noted that the new sand volleyball courts are coming along quite well and will be a nice addition to the park. Knoth noted that too many people are still speeding through Park Drive while ballgames are happening, and inquired if there was a way to have more Police patrolling during those times.

Councilman McMahan presented the game of pickleball. Now that the parking area under the awning at the AG Building is paved, pickleball courts could easily be installed and could potentially begin holding leagues. The City will help with the striping of the courts, and Carr asked about the permanence of the nets. McMahan stated the nets would be weighted down and movable/removable.

Heizer moved, seconded by Elbe to approve the installation of Pickleball Courts at the AG Building. All were in favor.

Dog Park:

Myers discussed a recent Eagle Scout project at the dog park, which included cleaning up and improving landscaping. The City is preparing to pour a sidewalk from the dog park entrance to the new restroom.

Maple Park:

An Eagle Scout project recently took place at Maple Park, with the young man fixing up the pavilion, painting, and replacing boards that needed work. The City has recently poured a new sidewalk on the North and West side, and will be installing an apron around the restrooms.

Prairie Lakes Park:

Myers said that a permanent restroom is something that will be installed in the future. He also discussed paving the parking lots and walking trail, and City staff is looking for grants to assist with this.

Miscellaneous:

- Pruett noted that there is a large squirrel problem at the Log Cabin, and they can't keep up on trying to trap and relocate them. Myers stated he will contact the IDNR to see if there is anything they could do to assist or let the City know how to handle this.
- Carr asked if the lights would be moved to the Little Indians Field. Myers stated that project is due to start on October 19, 2020.
- Mayor Daugherty thanked the Commission for all of their work over the years and all of the contributions they have made to the parks and the community.

ADJOURNMENT

Heizer moved, seconded by Elbe to adjourn at 7:40p.m. All were in favor.