

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

APRIL 13, 2016

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 7:01 p.m.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Doug Elbe and Adam Kasper were 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 9, 2016 minutes. This was seconded by Amy Gaultney and all other members agreed.

FINANCIALS

The financial review for March 2016 Parks and Recreation Commission was accepted.

Park Grants Update:

Hawkins presented two possibilities for the next round of the St. Clair County Grants. After discussion and a vote it was decided that paving the new parking lot on the west end of the park behind the ball fields was the most needed at this time. The next phase of the skate park will be considered for future grants.

MAC (Mascoutah Athletic Commission) has applied for a MLB grant to add a girl's softball field in the southwest corner of the park at the corner of Harnett St & 10th St. Between the grant and funds donated by MAC and Khoury plus labor an estimated \$100,000 would be used to build a new field and make improvements. The Commission voted and approved moving ahead with the new ball field and the MLB grant.

Tree Sub Committee:

The committee is meeting on March 27th (weather permitting) to spread the sulfur in Scheve Park.

Scheve Park:

Heizer expressed concern over the inappropriate use of the Ag building pavilion. Juveniles are suspected in drinking, breaking chairs and bending garage doors. A “No Loitering” sign was suggested.

New gate locks were installed at both the Dog Park and the Kiddie playground.

Amy Gaultney gave a brief update on grant possibilities for accessible play equipment for those with special needs. A representative from Unlimited Play was invited to the next meeting to further discuss grant possibilities.

Noon Lions Club will be repainting the Caboose before Homecoming.

Dog Park:

No updates.

Maple Park:

No updates.

Prairie Lakes Park:

No updates.

Miscellaneous:

Hawkins requested suggestions for possible volunteer projects. The 1st Baptist church is part of a national volunteer project and they are hoping to provide about 80 volunteers for approximately 20 hours in June. Suggested volunteer projects included:

- Power washing and painting pavilions
- Maple Park bathroom salvage
- Clearing the old railway line from Railway St to 10th St as a walking path
- Painting the north end of the Depot
- Clean-up problem properties

EWR completed a pool study to determine cost estimates for repairing and replacing the deep pool. Repair costs were estimated at \$960,000 while total replacement cost for a new pool was estimated around \$1.3 million. City Council has decided to make only temporary repairs at this time and begin to build a reserve in the Park fund for a new pool in the near future. In addition a new bath house was estimated to be around \$500,000.

ADJOURNMENT

Parks and Recreation Commission adjourned at 7:50 p.m.