

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

NOVEMBER 14, 2018

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 Harold Knoth, Steve Heizer, Mark Pruett & Ryan Hinrichs were present.

ABSENT

Adam Kasper, Doug Elbe & Nick Carr

ALSO PRESENT

Assistant City Manager Mike Bolt, Executive Assistant Melissa Schanz & Councilman Schorr 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

Heizer moved and seconded by Pruett to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2018 & September 12, 2018 Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes and all other members agreed.

FINANCIALS

The financial review for October 2018 Parks and Recreation Commission was accepted by Hinrichs and was seconded by Pruett and all other members agreed.

Park Grants Update:

Mike gave grant updates stating that the city has bids out now for the grant to put in a restroom at Maple Park. We are also looking at a grant for bathrooms on the north side of Scheve Park and we are wrapping up the grant for the park cameras and pool.

Tree Sub Committee:

Ryan Hinrichs and Paul Schorr presented the observations and recommendations to the commission for professional care of the trees in Scheve Park after meeting with Meurer Tree Service. Heizer moved and was seconded by Pruett to move forward with the professional tree trimming, removal, and iron injections of many trees in Scheve Park totaling \$24,680.00 all members agreed.

Ryan also gave the commission an update on memorial trees. He explained that the company we use to get our trees from went out of business so they have a couple local businesses they will be now dealing with for the memorial trees. Also stating that we got relaxed in the past on the size of tree and that we will go back to the larger ordinance size standard and the new cost will be \$500.

Scheve Park:

Steve Heizer questioned the grading of the trail on the south side of Knoth bridge. It is very steep and MIA does not feel like it is safe. Staff stated that they don't think they are done backfilling but would make sure and check. Steve also explained how the rock climbing wall has pieces missing. Staff will place an order for new ones. He also explained that the broken locks on the playground gates have been order and will be installed as soon as possible.

Dog Park:

No updates at this time.

Maple Park:

No updates at this time.

Prairie Lakes Park:

No updates at this time.

Miscellaneous:

Mark Pruett announced that the Historic Society is planning a ribbon cutting for the new pavilion by the log cabin and will keep us posted on a date. Councilman Schorr asked about the park master plan and how it was suppose to be completed he thought by now. Staff explained how heartland moved their office and have not got us the final version yet, but we will forward it to everyone as soon as we get it for review. Chairman Knoth explained that the plan was not necessarily needed and was very costly. Mark Pruett was in attendance and had a concern about the drainage at the pulling track north of the bleachers in Scheve Park. City staff is going to work with MIA on solutions to solve the issue as soon as possible.

ADJOURNMENT

Parks and Recreation Commission adjourned at 7:58p.m.