

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

**JUNE 8, 2016**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commission member Steve Heizer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Commission members Adam Kasper, Steve Heizer, Mark Pruett, Amy Gaultney were present.

**ABSENT**

Harold Knoth, Ryan Hinrichs and Doug Elbe were absent.

**ALSO PRESENT**

City Manager Cody Hawkins and Executive Assistant Lisa Other were present. Mike Voegel from MAC was also 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**

Mark Pruett motioned to accept the May 11, 2016 minutes. This was seconded by Adam Kasper and all other members agreed.

**FINANCIALS**

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

**Park Grants Update:**

Hawkins stated that the next round of St. Clair County Grants arrived this week. The application will be for paving the new parking lot on the west end of the park behind the ball fields.

Hawkins stated that if the City receives the St. Clair County grant award for the parking lot then perhaps the City would have matching funds available to apply to MEPRD for the next phase of the Skate Park.

MAC (Mascoutah Athletic Commission) is looking into adding lighting to the ball fields south of Park Drive. They are applying to MEPRD for assistance with this project. They are also awaiting the decision on the MLB grant to add a girls softball field in the southwest corner of the park at the corner of Harnett St & 10<sup>th</sup> St.

**Tree Sub Committee:**

The committee met on May 25<sup>th</sup> and then worked to spread the sulfur in Scheve Park on June 7<sup>th</sup>. In the future they will trim the memorial trees hanging over the walking trail.

**Scheve Park:**

Heizer expressed concern over the inappropriate use of the North pavilion. Juveniles are suspected of drinking and vandalism. Broken glass has been prevalent. Graffiti in the Skate Park is another concern.

Hawkins gave an update on the 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church volunteer project. Approximately 40 volunteers have worked 20 hours each in Scheve Park painting pavilions and various other park buildings and fixtures.

**Dog Park:**

No updates.

**Maple Park:**

No updates.

**Prairie Lakes Park:**

The Street department repaired the leak caused by muskrats.

**Miscellaneous:**

Mike Voegelé spoke on behalf of MAC about some ball field usage concerns. Over Memorial Day weekend an out of town team used the fields for a tournament and some damage was incurred. Voegelé stated that 32 bags of Turface were used and the team should be responsible for reimbursing the cost. Another concern was that the turf was too wet so when the fields were worked it caused the conditioner to be mixed too deep. This worked out to an approximate wasting of \$1,500 worth of field conditioner. In hopes of preventing future issues Voegelé recommended having someone appointed by the City to make all weather related field usage calls. It was also suggested that a field usage fee especially for out of town teams needs to be instituted. Perhaps a fee of \$100 per field would help recoup the costs of maintenance of the fields.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Parks and Recreation Commission adjourned at 7:22 p.m.