

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

**MARCH 10, 2021**

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 Harold Knoth, Steve Heizer, Adam Kasper, Doug Elbe, Ryan Hinrichs, and Nick Carr were present.

**ABSENT**

Mark Pruett

**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 Heizer to approve the minutes of October 14, 2020 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting and all other members agreed.

**FINANCIALS**

No financial information was presented. City Manager Myers stated that the City is finalizing the budget for next fiscal year and approximately \$439,000 has been budgeted for Mascoutah parks. This amount includes all utilities, supplies, materials, and equipment.

**Park Grants Update:**

Myers stated that the City has been awarded a grant, which will extend the berm trail north from the car wash to Heritage Way, and will have to figure out how to cross Route 4, as an overpass is quite expensive. The Scheve Park and Maple Park restroom grants have been closed out.

**Tree Sub Committee:**

Hinrichs stated that the tree subcommittee planted three trees back in November 2020. Knoth asked if any trees were slated to be cut down, which Hinrichs stated there has been no trees removed for a couple of years and no plans to remove any in the near future.

**Scheve Park:**

Heizer stated that the MIA, with assistance with several other organizations, has completed the flagpole project at Scheve Park. The caboose sustained interior squirrel damage. McMahan stated that he is working on obtaining prices on Christmas lights from Ace Hardware. Once he receives prices, they will begin approaching local organizations for pavilion lighting sponsorships.

McMahan also stated that engineering has begun for the splash pad. City Manager Myers asked where they are planning to place the splash pad, which McMahan stated they were looking at an area near the playground. Myers stated that Mascoutah's insurance might not approve a splash pad near a playground, with the concerns of children playing on the playground wet after playing in the splash pad. Myers suggested placing the splash pad on the north side of the large ditch. McMahan stated this had not been considered before because there were no utilities in that area, however since there are utilities there now; this location could be an option. Heizer suggested talking with O'Fallon regarding issues that they have with their splash pad.

Heizer said the City provided \$3,000 to redo the metal roofs on the middle pavilions. Myers stated if more was needed, additional funds might be available.

McMahan asked when the pickleball courts under the AG Building pavilion would be painted. He also showed the commission examples of bottle fill fountains that they would like to place around the perimeter of the park along the walking trail. He suggested pursuing the ones that have the dog bag dispensers attached.

Knoth stated that the Tuesday Woman's Club is no longer planting and tending to flowers in Scheve Park. Hinrichs stated he is in the process of redoing the landscaping in and around that area.

**Dog Park:**

Knoth received a \$1,000 donation for the dog park. Heizer stated there has been several episodes of aggressive dogs at the park. Myers stated that dog owners would need to call the police when this happens in the future. McMahan said there are new bulletin boards at the dog park and suggested posting the rules in them so that patrons are aware of the rules.

**Maple Park:**

Myers stated that Maple Park is getting ready to reopen for the year. The City has installed new sidewalks at the park. There are only a few minor things left to complete in the newly constructed restrooms.

**Prairie Lakes Park:**

Myers stated that funds were included in the next fiscal year budget for paving the parking lots and trails at Prairie Lakes Park. Carr asked if the fountains are still off due to cold weather. Myers stated all three were rebuilt last year, but are almost to the point that they will not be able to be rebuilt again.

**Miscellaneous:**

- 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.

- Myers stated that new TVs have been received to be placed in the AG Building as part of an A/V upgrade. Additionally, better speakers and microphones will be purchased and placed in the building as well.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Heizer moved, seconded by Elbe to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. All were in favor.