

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

MARCH 15, 2022

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 7:02 p.m.

PRESENT

Commission members Steve Heizer, Ryan Hinrichs, Carrie Kunkel, and Mark Pruett were present.

ABSENT

Commission members Nick Carr and Harold Knoth were absent.

ALSO PRESENT

Assistant City Manager Kari Speir and Executive Assistant Madelyn Groff were present.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

A quorum of Parks and Recreation Commission members were present.

AMEND AGENDA

There was no need to amend the agenda.

MINUTES

Pruett moved and seconded by Hinrichs to approve the minutes of March 10, 2021 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting and all other members agreed.

FINANCIALS

No financial information was presented. Pruett moved and seconded by Hinrichs to approve the financial statement and all other members agreed.

Park Grants Update:

Assistant City Manager Speir stated that the City has been awarded the ITEF Grant of \$981,000 that will extend the L&N Trail. The City is working on hiring an engineer for this project. The estimate project completion date is within the next two years.

Assistant City Manager Speir also stated that we will be extending the berm across the big ditch up to Onyx Drive. Pruett asked if there is anything in the works from Main Street to Tenth Street regarding the trails. Speir stated that it is in the works with several different ideas.

Tree Sub Committee:

Hinrichs stated that the tree subcommittee planted ten trees back in December 18, 2022. These trees replaced two trees that were dying and an additional eight new trees.

Scheve Park:

Heizer stated that the City shouldn't be lining the fields for practice. Also, Heizer stated that people are parking in between the concession stand and Field #4.

Speir stated that the City has budgeted to repair the ball field restrooms and create more storage. She also stated that she is going to check in with the MAC on relocating the batting cages. Speir stated that it would help close off the lane where people are now parking.

Hinrichs thanked the City for starting construction on the restrooms. He received minor complaints from residents. Speir stated that Brendan has money in the budget that he is using to fix up the restrooms. She also stated that the city is going to try to do a bigger overhaul on the bathrooms in the fall.

Speir updated on the Splash Pad. The city did RFQ's for qualifications and is needing to set up a meeting with the company the city is going to be using. The meeting with the company would provide information on how much the design is going to be. Heizer stated that the MIA would like to put the Splash Pad in Scheve Park. Speir stated that unfortunately the city budget is tight for the Splash Pad.

Heizer updated on the Winterfest. He stated that all the residents really liked it and thanked the city for getting it started.

Heizer stated that the roof on the main bathrooms in Scheve Park is getting bad. It needs to be replaced. He also stated that the MIA is putting a metal roof on the pavilion at the Berger Keil House. Also, the MIA updated the bathrooms in the depot.

Pruett stated that the flower beds by the depot are needing some upkeep. He said that the City lost the help we had in the past for the flower beds.

Heizer stated that there has been vandalism in the park. The vandalizers took the locks off of the bathroom doors and are getting on the top of the roof.

Dog Park:

Heizer stated that there was no news for the dog park.

Maple Park:

Heizer stated that the Maple Park gate is currently getting fixed at Martin Steel. He has also received recommendations to have more swings put in at the park. He recommended that we receive a donation to put in additional swings.

Prairie Lakes Park:

Speir stated that Christ Brothers will be paving the parking lot and the trails at Prairie Lakes Park. The city received a \$25,000 grant to do this project.

Speir stated that the Executive Assistant, Madelyn Groff, received a quote from Martin Roofing to replace the two pavilion roofs.

Heizer asked if the fountains broke again or if they were just off for the season. Speir stated that the fountains were off for the season. Speir will check in with Larry on when the fountains will turn back on.

Miscellaneous:

- Kunkel questioned if there has been any thoughts on adding addition bridges/walkways on the south side. Speir stated that there hasn't been any word yet.
- Heizer stated that the MIA has been receiving bids for drainage tile in the park by the tractor pulls. He stated that when it rains, water sits in huge puddles in this area.

ADJOURNMENT

Pruett moved, seconded by Hinrichs to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. All were in favor.