

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

MAY 11, 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 _____ p.m.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Commission member Nick Carr was absent.

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor, Pat McMahan, City Manager, Becky Ahlvin, Assistant City Manager, Kari Speir, and Executive Assistant Madelyn Groff 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

Heizer moved and seconded by Pruett to approve the minutes of March 15, 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting and all other members agreed.

FINANCIALS

Pruett moved and seconded by Hinrichs to approve the financial statement and all other members agreed.

Park Grants Update:

Speir stated that the city accepted an engineering firm which is Oates and Associates for the L&N Trail. The Rt. 4 Berm Trail will be done by TWM.

Pruett asked if there has been any feedback about the south side berm where there is vegetation. Speir stated that there has been no feedback due to no design quiet yet.

Tree Sub Committee:

Hinrichs stated that a child has pulled all of the bark off of a maple tree at maple park by the basketball courts. He stated that they have patched it the best they could.

Hinrichs also stated that they are going to do a small trimming on the memorial trees at Scheve Park this summer.

Scheve Park:

New:

The Mascoutah Athletic Commission President, Dean Henke was present. Henke presented a proposal and recommendation for Scheve Park. The MAC is wanting to update the fields. The batter's boxes are needing some upkeep due to players digging when they are up to bat. Henke stated that the fields are used 7 days a week daily from spring to winter. He states that the batter's boxes are a huge problem and it's a huge safety hazard. Their solution is a Jox's Box. The total price for this project is around \$12,000.

The second issue at the ballpark is the drainage in the infields. The infields got this done 5 years ago, but it is time to do this project again. They would use a Durah edge product and are needing 15,000 tons. The total price for this project is around \$15,000 which would cover all the fields. The third issue is the grass outfields. The grass outfields have horrible water drainage. Over the years, people have attempted to fill in the holes with dirt, but now it is rutted up, which is becoming a hazard. The MAC's suggestion is to install a main line running east and west for drainage.

Henke stated that the MAC is under the understanding that the City would like to relocate the batting cages. Speir stated that the City does not have a designated spot. She stated that there have been different ideas of where to relocate. Mayor, Pat McMahan, stated that new handicapped parking could be where the batting cages are now. The MAC has purchased field turf to put down in the batting cages.

Speir stated the city would like to block off the road in between field 4 and 5.

Also, Speir stated in the late fall and/or winter, the city would like to update the ball field restrooms.

Heizer stated an issue regarding the lean too by the horseshoes. The squirrels have eaten through the roof underneath. He stated that the MIA will help by putting aluminum underneath to stop the squirrels.

Pruett stated that we are currently looking for someone to take over the flower beds. Carrie Kunkle offered to take over the flower beds if someone would like to help.

Splash Pad update:

No new news regarding the Splash Pad.

Dog Park:

No new news regarding the Dog Park.

Maple Park:

City Manager, Becky Ahlvin, stated that the gate is ready to be picked up from Martin Steel and put back together at the park.

Prairie Lakes Park:

Speir stated that the parking lot has been finished, and Christ Brothers are currently working on the trails.

Miscellaneous:

- Pruett brought up the baseball fields asking if we can put a motion in that we try to help the parks and fund some of the items with the MAC. Pat stated that budget planning is over for this year.
 - Pruett made a motion to allow the MAC to go ahead with the field update recommendations at the ball fields. Hinrichs second and all in favor.
- The City will have a band at the Fourth of July Event at Scheve Park. There will also be bounce houses at the event.

ADJOURNMENT

Pruett moved, seconded by Heizer to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. All were in favor.