

**GRAIN VALLEY PARK BOARD**  
**MINUTES**  
January 7, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:04 P.M. by President Brad Welle.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Brad Welle (President), Becky Gray (Secretary), Norm Combs, Don Caslavka, Jared English, Terry Hill, Chuck Harris, Brian Bray, Alderman Jayci Stratton, Shannon Davies (Director)

**ABSENT:** Nathan Hays (Vice President)

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Norm Combs and seconded by Brian Bray to approve the November Minutes. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- a. **REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:**  
Shannon highlighted and explained the more notable expenditures and reviewed the year-to-date revenues/expenses.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** none

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a. **Veteran's Tribute** – Norm Combs
  - i. Mike Switzer provided an update on the 2 Phase of the Tribute. The Pathways of Honor (POH) committee would like to have a dedication event to the Parks and Recreation Department on May 6<sup>th</sup> at the site. Mike stated that they would also like to donate a brick to the site on behalf of POH to the Park Board.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. **Cross Creek Trail Project** – Shannon Davies
  - i. Park Maintenance has acquired the gates that will be installed at the trailheads. They plan on installing them as well as the dog waste stations in the next few weeks, weather dependent.
  - ii. We are getting the final design for signage from Regal Plastics.
  - iii. Craig Gump is providing the survey work to get the Legal Description of the trail proper so that we can get that designated as a city easement.
  - iv. CFS Engineers is continuing their work for the pedestrian bridge design/scope as well as acquisition of the necessary permitting.

- b. **Trails Master Plan Review** – Group Discussion
  - i. The board was provided with the revised aerial of the Trails Master Plan that reflected the following:
    - a) Completed trail segments
    - b) Priority trail segments where focus needs to be
    - c) Secondary trail segments
    - d) Beyond
  - ii. There was some additional discussion regarding the connectivity to the North Middle School, the addition of a trail along Sni-A-Bar Boulevard and connecting existing sidewalk on 40 Highway to the Butterfly Trail Loop.
- c. **Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) 2020-2024** – Shannon Davies
  - i. Shannon stated that he is working with the City Engineer on both the park projects as well as the public works projects. Timing is to have the CIP completed before the end of April.
- d. **Community Campus Planning** – Shannon Davies
  - i. Shannon informed the board that the YMCA has expressed heavy interest in building a facility out here in Grain Valley, specifically as the new recreation center out at the community campus. The City would be going before the voters in April with a Bond referendum to fund both the recreation center but also a new city hall/police station. A basic layout of the new facilities on the property has been designed. There will be several public meetings to solicit citizen feedback leading up to the April election.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Election of 2020 Park Board Officers** – Board Discussion/Vote
  - i. Brad Welle opened nominations for President.
    - a) Norms Combs nominated Brad Welle for President. No other nominations were given.
    - b) Motion by Norm Combs and seconded by Jared English to elect Brad Welle for President. Brad Welle was elected for President by acclamation.
  - ii. Brad Welle opened nominations for Vice President.
    - a) Norm Combs nominated Jared English for Vice President. Jared English declined the nomination. Brad Welle nominated Brian Bray for Vice President.
    - b) Motion by Norm Combs and seconded by Jared English to elect Brian Bray for Vice President. Brian Bray was elected Vice President by acclamation.
  - iii. Brad Welle opened nominations for Secretary.
    - a) Norm Combs nominated Becky Gray for Secretary.

- b) Motion by Norm Combs and seconded by Jared English to elect Becky Gray for Secretary. Becky Gray was elected Secretary by acclamation.
- iv. There was some discussion about the need for a Treasurer. It was decided that a Treasurer is not needed at this time.

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

**1. Operational Updates**

- a. Park Maintenance staff are in the process of taking down and storing the holiday decorations on Main Street and in Armstrong Park.
- b. We are currently acquiring bids for several of the budgeted, 2020 capital items so that we can get those purchases made and start those projects.

**2. City Updates**

- a. The Christmas Tree Drop-off is once again being offered in Armstrong Park thru 1/9.
- b. The Police Department is currently accepting applications for their Citizen’s Police Academy. Registration ends January 15<sup>th</sup>.

**3. Past/Current Programs/Special Events**

- a. Mayor’s Tree Lighting and Holiday Festival
- b. Preschool Players Basketball
- c. Holiday Fitness Membership Special
- d. Home-School P.E.
- e. Tot Time – Weekly while school is in session.

**4. Upcoming Programs/Special Events**

- a. Senior Luncheon – 1/18
- b. Home-School P.E. – 1/8-2/12
- c. Mini Munchkins (Winter Wonderland) – 1/9
- d. Princess Party – 1/18
- e. Petite Picassos – 1/28
- f. Father-Daughter Valentine Dance – 2/1
- g. Painting Party – 2/11
- h. Spring Karate – 2/11

**TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING:**

- a. Cross Creek Park Trail Project
- b. Trails Master Plan Review
- c. Community Campus Planning
- d. Dillingham Trail Connector Project
- e. Park Board By-Laws Review (Residency Requirement)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Chuck Harris, seconded by Norm Combs, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 P.M.

Next regular meeting will be February 11, 2020. March meeting shall be on the 10<sup>th</sup> to avoid the week of Spring Break.