

GRAIN VALLEY PARK BOARD MINUTES

February 11, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:12 P.M. by President Brad Welle.

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: Nathan Hays

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Jared English and seconded by Norm Combs 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, which included lumber purchased for replacing the Monkey Mountain shelter roof and annual conference registration fees for staff. Year-to-date revenues/expenses were also reviewed.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: none

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **Veteran's Tribute** – Norm Combs/Mike Switzer
 - i. The POH Committee would like to have a dedication event to the Parks and Recreation Department on May 6th at the site. Mike stated that they would like to coordinate with the Park Board to help plan for the event. The next POH meeting is February 26th.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Cross Creek Trail Project** – Shannon Davies
 - i. Park Maintenance has installed the trailhead gates and dog waste stations.
 - ii. Trailhead entrance signage will be installed in the next 1-2 weeks.
 - iii. Craig Gump is providing the survey work to get the Legal Description of the trail property 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. **Dillingham Connector Trail Project Update** – Shannon Davies
 - i. Staff have met with Lamp Rynearson and they are developing the Scope for this project to be put out for bid this Spring.
 - ii. This project not only includes the construction of a trail that will connect to existing trail at Persimmon Drive and just north of Hedgewood Drive but it also includes the construction of a new waterline that will run parallel to the trail.
- c. **Trails Master Plan Review** – Group Discussion
 - i. The updated Trail Master Plan Aerial was provided to the board for the last review. No further changes needed.
- d. **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.
- e. **Community Campus Planning** – Shannon Davies
 - i. There is another Community Forum regarding this project/bond issue slated for March 12th at 6pm at Stony Point Elementary. Further updates/details will be provided with opportunity for residents to ask questions.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Park Board By-Laws – Residency Review** – Group Discussion
 - i. There was discussion about this board amending the by-laws to include allowing individuals who either live outside city limits but within school district boundaries, the opportunity to serve on the park board. There was also discussion about allowing the same for someone who works within the city but lives outside city boundaries.
 - ii. There is no state statute that requires park board members to live within the city limits of the board they serve on.
 - iii. There are also several other areas in our by-laws that need to be updated. Those were discussed and will be changed before the next meeting for review.
 - iv. Further discussion on this is needed.
- b. **Park Ordinance “Sale of Services/Merchandise” Review** – Group Discussion
 - i. Shannon stated that we do have groups approach us wanting to sell goods as a fundraiser in conjunction with their indoor or outdoor rental. Park Code prohibits this. In some cases, these groups go above us to the Board of Aldermen seeking approval.
 - ii. Park Code currently states that these groups shall go before the Park Board to get this ordinance waived for the event. Too often the “event date” is going to occur before the next park board meeting making it hard to try and get the ordinance waived.

- iii. Shannon stated that for anything other than the annual fair or city-sponsored events, we should not be waiving this ordinance. He stated that in the spirit of this ordinance, people should not be profiting off of our taxpayers and as soon as we let one group sell goods, it is setting a precedent for others wanting to do the same. The city-sponsored events are specifically for the community and are not profit-based.
- iv. Shannon would like to re-draft the ordinance to grant the Director authorization to deny the waiving of this ordinance instead of it going to the Park Board, mirroring what Blue Springs Parks & Recreation currently does.
- v. The board asked Shannon to draft the ordinance language and bring it back to the next meeting for review.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Operational Updates

- a. We are currently working through the list of capital items budgeted for 2020 and making those purchases/improvements as timing dictates.

2. City Updates

- a. Staff provided facility tours on January 30th for residents who were interested. The focus of the tours was to show people the existing state of City Hall, Police Station and Community Center with regard to current space limitations and repair needs.
- b. On February 3rd, the City held a Community Campus Open House for residents at council chambers.
- c. A Community Campus Public Forum is scheduled for March 12th at Stony Point Elementary.
- d. Current April Election Filings:
 - i. Ward 1: Jayci Stratton
 - ii. Ward 2: Joey Burgett, Rick Knox
 - iii. Ward 3: Bob Headley
 - iv. Mayor: Mike Todd, Chuck Johnston, Jeff Craney

3. Past/Current Programs/Special Events

- a. Holiday Fitness Membership Special - (12/1 – 1/31)
- b. Home-School P.E.
- c. Tot Time – Weekly while school is in session.
- d. Mini Munchkins (Winter Wonderland) - 1/9
- e. Princess Party – 1/18
- f. Petite Picassos – 1/28
- g. Father-Daughter Valentine Dance – 2/1

4. Upcoming Programs/Special Events

- a. Painting Party – 2/11
- b. Senior Luncheon – 2/12
- c. Spring Karate – 2/18 thru 4/13

- d. Homeschool P.E. – 2/19 thru 3/25

TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- a. Cross Creek Park Trail Project
- b. Trails Master Plan Review
- c. Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) 2020-2024
- d. Community Campus Planning
- e. Dillingham Trail Connector Project
- f. Park Board By-Laws Review
- g. “Sale of Merchandise/Services” Ordinance

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 P.M.

Next regular meeting will be March 30, 2020.