

GRAIN VALLEY PARK BOARD
MINUTES
June 22, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:02 P.M. by Vice President Jared English.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Jared English (Vice President), Becky Gray (Secretary), Norm Combs, Terry Hill, Chuck Harris, Mike Switzer, Adam Hoover, Alderman Jayci Stratton, Shannon Davies (Director)

ABSENT: Brian Bray (President)

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Norm Combs, seconded by Mike Switzer to approve the May Minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- a. **REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:**
Shannon distributed the payables made over the last month and the year-to-date revenues/expenditures for 2021. There is a big increase in pool revenue for this point in time in the pool season. Open swim attendance, swim lesson registrations, and private pool rentals have shown increases compared to previous seasons. Concrete repairs to curbing and sidewalk at the front of the community center and pool deck were also completed.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: none

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **Veteran's Tribute** – Norm Combs and Mike Switzer
 - i. Norm Combs is looking at the design and costs to erect a statue of an eagle at the site.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Christina "Kiki" Claphan Memorial Playground** – Shannon Davies
 - i. Shannon stated that he received correspondence from MO State Parks that this project has made the initial cut for funding through the LWCF grant program. Shannon provided them with some follow-up documentation pertaining to the project. The next step will be a project site visit/evaluation by MO State Parks in late August. Official award recipients will not be sent out until late October.

- b. **Blue Branch Creek Trail (Phase 2) Project Update** – Shannon Davies
 - i. The Phase 2 trail section has been cleared. The base rock for both trail sections connecting either end of the bridge is currently being laid. Within the next few weeks, the curb and guttering for the trailhead parking lot will be installed.
 - ii. We are currently getting bids from contractors to determine who will lay the asphalt.

- c. **Football Facility Improvements** – Shannon Davies/Chuck Harris
 - i. GVSL is looking at lighting the multi-purpose field just east of the pavilion to allow additional practice space after dark for a growing football program.
 - ii. Shannon is looking into other potential areas for football teams to practice on. The Armstrong West outfield is a possibility as this field has lighting but we would allow only the flag division to practice here to minimize damage to the turf.
 - iii. Shannon is looking at funding options to cost-share this project with GVSL. This could include the City budgeting 50% for this project cost in 2022's budget and then reimbursing GVSL 50% if they move forward with the project during the 2021 budget year. Another option could include the waiving of fees the City collects from GVSL during the Spring and Fall seasons. The City currently collects \$5 per kid from GVSL to help offset facility use costs.

- d. **Park Board Reappointments** – Shannon Davies
 - i. Adam Hoover was appointed to the Park Board at the May 24th Board of Aldermen meeting. Mike Switzer was reappointed at the same meeting. Both of these terms were set to expire on June 1st. The other seat that was set to expire is currently vacant.
 - ii. The Park Board will review applications to fill the remaining seat.

- e. **Park Board By-Laws Review** – Group Discussion
 - i. Discussion focused on the following:
 - 1) Section 603: allowing the majority of the active members at that time to constitute a quorum.
Chuck Harris made a motion to approve the changes in Section 603, Norm Combs seconded.
 - 2) Section 604: clarification regarding member absences, when it meets the threshold for removal of a member due to absenteeism, who contacts that member and in what form, and defining an "Excused Absence"
Mike Switzer made a motion to approve the changes in Section 604, Norm Combs seconded.

- 3) Section 606: outlining the parameters for "Citizen Comments" regarding time limitations and pre-approved citizen presentations
Chuck Harris made a motion to approve the changes in Section 606, Norm Combs seconded.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **No New Business**

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

a. Operational Updates

- i. Full-Time Recreation Supervisor Status
 - 1) An offer has been extended to a candidate. This individual is slated to start next week and will attend the next Park Board meeting.
- ii. Summer Programming Updates
 - 1) The spring baseball and softball season will wrap-up next week.
 - 2) Pool attendance and registrations are surging right now.
- iii. Goose Round-up
 - 1) Park staff will be working with staff from the Missouri Conservation Department to round-up the geese at Butterfly Trail. This scheduled to take place tomorrow morning at 4:00am.

b. City Updates

- i. The Board of Aldermen have approved the 1st Read of the ordinance for the Graystone development. This project will include a trail that runs parallel to Buckner-Tarsney Road fronting their development. This is part of the City's Trail Master Plan.

c. Past/Current Programs/Special Events

- i. Movie in the Park (Trolls World Tour) – 6/4
- ii. Storybook Trail – Starts 6/4
- iii. Private & Group Swim Lessons – Starts 6/7
- iv. Private Pool Rentals – Starts in June
- v. Water Aerobics – Starts 6/7
- vi. Popsicles in the Park – 6/15

d. Upcoming Programs/Special Events

- i. Blood Drive – 6/23 at Community Center
- ii. Preschool Players T-ball – Starts 7/10

- iii. Popsicles in the Park – 7/13

TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- a. Blue Branch Creek Trail (Phase 2) Project
- b. Christina “Kiki” Claphan Memorial Playground
- c. Football Facility Improvements
- d. Graystone Development
- e. Community for All Ages
- f. Park Board/City Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 P.M.

Next regular meeting will be July 20, 2021.