

**GRAIN VALLEY PARK BOARD**  
**MINUTES**  
August 17, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:02 P.M. by President Brian Bray.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Brian Bray (President), Jared English (Vice President), Norm Combs, Terry Hill, Mike Switzer, Adam Hoover, Alderman Jayci Stratton, Shannon Davies (Director)

**ABSENT:** Becky Gray (Secretary), Chuck Harris

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Mike Switzer, seconded by Norm Combs to approve the June 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. Pool revenue is looking great this season. Some of the more notable expenses included the cost to remove 34 geese from Butterfly Trail Lake, a new pool pump, re-lamping of the two Armstrong Park baseball fields, and the replacement of the engineered wood fiber surfacing material for all of the playgrounds.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:** none

- a. A representative from the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) was in attendance to talk to the board about the Community for All Ages program. The City is currently seeking the Bronze Level designation. Shannon Davies submitted a report to MARC on how the City can be more accessible and user-friendly for its citizens. Recommendations were made to address this both within City parks and buildings followed by discussion among the group.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a. **Veteran's Tribute** – Norm Combs and Mike Switzer
  - i. No Report

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. **Christina "Kiki" Claphan Memorial Playground** – Shannon Davies
  - i. Regarding the LWCF grant application to help fund this project, the next step will be a project site visit/evaluation by MO State Parks later this month. Official award recipients will not be sent out until late October.

- b. **Blue Branch Creek Trail (Phase 2) Project Update** – Shannon Davies
  - i. The base rock for both trail sections connecting either end of the bridge has been laid and compacted. This also includes the trail section that will connect OOIDA Drive’s existing sidewalk to Butterfly Trail.
  - ii. The curb and guttering for the trailhead parking lot has been installed.
  - iii. Tandem Paving will lay the asphalt and that is scheduled to begin on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  
- c. **Football Facility Improvements** – Shannon Davies
  - i. Shannon stated that GVSL will be using the outfield of Armstrong West for Fall, Flag Football for both practices and games. This will provide a space that has field lights. GVSL will have use of the field Monday-Friday with games on Thursday nights. This should not interfere with the Fall, T-ball season because this program uses the infield only.
  
- d. **Park Board Reappointments** – Shannon Davies
  - i. Lisa Limberg was appointed to the Park Board by the Mayor at the June 28<sup>th</sup> Board of Aldermen meeting. All Park Board seats are now filled.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Park Board/City Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** – Shannon Davies
  - i. Shannon provided a copy of the existing MOU to the board. Jared English stated that it has been a while since this MOU was entered in to and it is worth reviewing the document to make sure both the City and the Park Board are still following what is outlined.
  - ii. The Park Board will review the document and discuss any changes at the September meeting.

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT:**

- a. **Operational Updates**
  - i. Goose Round-up
    - 1) With help from the Missouri Conservation Department and their contractor for the removal of geese, we were able to remove 34 geese that were inhabiting the lake at Butterfly Trail.
  
  - ii. Summer Programming Updates
    - 1) We are gearing up for the Fall, Youth Baseball and Softball season. Coaches’ meetings are this week.
    - 2) Next week when school goes back into session, the pool’s open swim will only be on weekends through Labor Day with the Dog Swim the day after.

**b. City Updates**

- i. The Graystone Development was approved by the Board of Aldermen, which includes the developer installing a trail that front that property running parallel to Buckner-Tarsney Road. This piece is part of the Trails Master Plan.
- ii. City Administrator Ken Murphy spoke to the board about the City's current branding initiative and what the goals of re-branding are as we undertake this process. He encouraged everyone in attendance to take the branding survey online.

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

- i. Movie in the Park (Trolls World Tour)
- ii. Storybook Trail
- iii. Popsicles in the Park
- iv. Community Garden
- v. Private & Group Swim Lessons
- vi. Private Pool Rentals
- vii. Water Aerobics

**d. Upcoming Programs/Special Events**

- i. Fall, Youth Baseball/Softball Season
- ii. Grain Valley Fair

**TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING:**

- a. Blue Branch Creek Trail (Phase 2) Project
- b. Christina "Kiki" Claphan Memorial Playground
- c. Football Facility Improvements
- d. Park Board/City Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Norm Combs, seconded by Lisa Limberg, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 P.M.

Next regular meeting will be September 21, 2021.

