

**GRAIN VALLEY PARK BOARD
MINUTES
October 19, 2021**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Brian Bray.

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT:

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. **APPROVED ABSENCE:** Adam Hoover
- b. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Jared English, seconded by Norm Combs to approve the September 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. The biggest expense was for the striping that was completed at the new Blue Branch Creek Trailhead parking lot

CITIZEN COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

- a. **None**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **Veteran's Tribute** – Norm Combs and Mike Switzer
 - i. Mike Switzer stated that the next POH meeting will include discussion of potential expansion to the tribute at Legacy Plaza.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Christina "Kiki" Claphan Memorial Playground** – Shannon Davies
 - i. Shannon stated that he was contacted Missouri State Parks and informed that the federal government was running behind on their review of projects for 2022 LWCF funding. The official awards were supposed to go out this month. We were informed that this has been moved back to January of 2022.
 - ii. Shannon met with Dan Miller with Lamp Rynearson (City's On-Call Engineer) this morning at the playground project site. Dan will be putting together a Task Order for the design of this project for us to review, which will include all bid documents.

- b. **Blue Branch Creek Trail (Phase 2) Project Update** – Shannon Davies
 - i. We had the official Ribbon Cutting of the trail back on September 29th.
 - ii. The only thing left to do is some trail, backfill in certain areas, installation of two trailhead gates, and the installation of wooden wing walls at both ends of the bridge.
 - iii. Norm Combs mentioned the possible need to add trail lighting from the trailhead parking lot north to the school district boundary to allow for illumination for those using it at night when the high school has their sporting events.

- c. **Park Board/City Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** – Group Discussion
 - i. The revised draft was presented to the board.
 - ii. Norm made a motion to approve the updated MOU. Seconded by Chuck Harris.
 - iii. President Brian Bray signed the MOU. Shannon will get with Mayor Chuck Johnston for his signature.

- d. **2022 Budget Review** – Group Discussion
 - i. Shannon went over the proposed “Parks” budget with the board to include the revenue streams that come directly back in for parks and any capital projects/purchases slated for 2022.
 - ii. The Board of Aldermen will be having two budget workshops between now and the end of the year and plan on having the City’s 2022 Budget approved by the December 13th meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. None

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

a. Operational Updates

- i. Shannon has applied for a Hometown Communities Grant through T-Mobile for new bleachers at the Armstrong Park baseball/softball fields.
- ii. Jerry Jones applied for new tree through the state’s ReLeaf program. We were awarded 16 new trees, which will be planted at Monkey Mountain Park.
- iii. Staff recently attended a webinar on how to proactively deter and prevent park vandalism through the use of signage and surveillance cameras.

b. City Updates

- i. GVPD’s National Drug Take Back and Shredding Event is scheduled for 10/23.

c. Past/Current Programs/Special Events

- i. The Fall, Youth Baseball/Softball season will be wrapping-up next week.
- ii. We are currently taking registration for our Fall Karate program.

d. Upcoming Programs/Special Events

- i. Mini Munchkins – Tiny Turkeys – 11/4
- ii. Preschool Players Basketball – Starts 11/6

TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- a. Christina “Kiki” Claphan Memorial Playground
- b. 2022 Budget Review

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

Next regular meeting will be November 16, 2021.

