

GRAIN VALLEY PARK BOARD
MINUTES
February 21, 2023

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

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Brian Bray (President), Jared English (Vice President), Shawn Brady (Secretary), Norm Combs, Chuck Harris, Becky Gray, Adam Hoover, Lisa Limberg, Dale Arnold (Alderman Liaison), Shannon Davies (Director)

ABSENT: Mike Switzer

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. **APPROVED ABSENCE:** No action
- b. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Norm Combs, seconded by Jared English to approve the December regular Meeting Minutes and the January Joint Board Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.
- c. **CANCELLATION OF NEXT MONTH'S MEETING:** No action

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- a. **REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:**
Shannon provided info on the list of payables since our last meeting as well the final YTD for the 2022 fiscal year. The pool restroom flooring is being replaced with new Dri-Dek flooring this year. Funds have been paid to our on call engineer for the Buckner-Tarsney Trail and Armstrong Playground design.

CITIZEN COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

- a. None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **Veteran's Tribute** – Norm Combs and Mike Switzer
 - i. Nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Christina "Kiki" Claphan Memorial Playground** – Shannon Davies
 - i. With the LWCF grant tied in with this project, Shannon stated that Missouri State Parks has approved us to be able to use our current on call engineer for the design and scope of work for this project versus having to go out for bid for these services. Lamp Rynearson is currently working on the initial bid package. The target completion date for this project is late September or early October.

- b. **City Comprehensive Plan and Parks Master Plan** – Shannon Davies
 - i. The joint meeting on this with Park Board, Board of Aldermen and Planning & Zoning Commission was held on January 21st.
 - ii. The first Public Workshop is scheduled for February 28th at Sni-A-Bar Elementary.
 - iii. The Community Survey was just completed. The target response was 400 and we received 432 completed surveys. The results are being tabulated now and will be put into presentation form. Shannon plans on having that information at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Brian Bray shared with the board that he is running for a Ward 3 seat on the Board of Aldermen. If he wins, he will be stepping down from the Park Board. He is running unopposed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

a. Operational Updates

- i. Shannon introduced the new Recreation Supervisor, Brandin Hallier to the board. Brandin has been with us since early January, has a degree in the field, and has worked part-time for both the Blue Springs and Odessa Parks and Recreation departments.
- ii. The department is currently hiring for its seasonal concessions and swim instructor positions.
- iii. The City has budgeted for a new digital sign on Main Street out in front of City Hall. This will replace the existing marquee sign. The new sign will be programmable and provide better visibility.

b. City Updates

- i. The City just hired a new Police Chief. Ed Turner has more than 27 years of law enforcement experience. He started his career with Grain Valley Police but then spent the last 20+ years with the Independence Police Department.

c. Past/Current Programs/Special Events

- i. Mayor's Tree Lighting & Holiday Festival – 12/1
- ii. Storytime with Mrs. Claus – 12/5 & 12/19
- iii. Candy Cane Hunt – 12/17
- iv. Christmas Tree Drop-off – 12/6 – 1/9
- v. Mini Munchkins – 1/5 & 1/26
- vi. Father-Daughter Dance (2/4) was a huge success. Sold out with a wait list.
- vii. Shannon provided a report recapping the programs provided and usage rates from the previous year.

d. Upcoming Programs/Special Events

- i. Spring Karate started today
- ii. Build-it Yourself Workshop – 4/1
- iii. Preschool Player’s Soccer – Starts 4/8

TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- a. Christina “Kiki” Claphan Memorial Playground
- b. City Comprehensive Plan and Parks Master Plan
- c. Park Board Member Renewals (3)

Norm Combs mentioned that the trailhead gates at Blue Branch Creek Trail have been vandalized and some are broken. There was some discussion about replacing the gates with bollards. Norm also brought up Greystone Park, 17 acres of low-lying, undeveloped park land. He wants to keep it on the agenda for discussion. Norm also mentioned the area below the Farmington Meadows Lake dam/spillway as an area that has opportunity for additional (unimproved) trails. Lastly, we need to keep a new, larger community center with more amenities at the forefront.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Jared English, seconded by Chuck Harris to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Next regular meeting: April 18, 2023