

GRAIN VALLEY PARK BOARD
MINUTES
February 20, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Interim President, Norm Combs.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Norm Combs (Interim President), Becky Gray, Adam Hoover, Lisa Limberg, Mike McCurdy, LaTisha Robinson, Dale Arnold (Alderman Liaison), Shannon Davies (Director)

ABSENT: Shawn Brady (Secretary), Mike Switzer

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. **APPROVED ABSENCE:** Chuck Harris
- b. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Adam Hoover, seconded by Lisa Limberg to approve the October regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.
- c. **CANCELLATION OF NEXT MONTH'S MEETING:** No action

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- a. **REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:**
Shannon reviewed the final year-to-date totals for revenues/expenditures for FY2023. For the most part, we exceeded our revenue projections and stayed under our expenditure expenses. Some of the bigger expenses since our last meeting included the installation of the new, electronic LED sign, Community Center sidewalk improvements, the Ryan Road sidewalk connector, a new grinder pump for the football field complex, and the crack-fill/sealcoat of Butterfly Trail.

CITIZEN COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **Veteran's Tribute** – None

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Christina "Kiki" Claphan Memorial Playground** – Shannon Davies
 - i. The removal of the old 5-12 year-old, and 2-5 year-old playgrounds has been completed. There are several play components that we can reuse out at the Monkey Mountain Park playgrounds. The rest will be recycled. Park Maintenance staff have readied the grounds and actual construction of the new playground started last week. The play components will first be installed, followed by the concrete border and drainage system, and lastly the poured-in-place surfacing. Weather pending, we are looking at early April for project completion. Shannon will let the Park Board know when the official Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting will be. Shannon provided a copy of the finalized rendering of the new playground.

- b. **City Comprehensive Plan and Parks Master Plan** – Shannon Davies
 - i. Shannon provided a summary of the high, medium, and low priority facility investments based on input from survey results. Shannon stated that this will be a focus as we move forward in planning for new park amenities, park programming and parkland acquisition.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Trail System Update** – Shannon Davies
 - i. Shannon provided images of the new sidewalk project that now connects the Ryan Meadows neighborhood to the South Middle School/Stony Point Elementary campus. Also included were images of Butterfly Trail as the crack-fill and sealcoating was being completed. The City is in the process of easement acquisition for the section of trail between Sni-A-Bar Blvd. and Nelson Dr. as part of the Buckner-Tarsney trail piece scheduled to be completed in 2025.
 - ii. Design costs for SW Eagles Parkway Trail exceeded what was initially budgeted by \$23,225 (\$55,000 vs. \$78,225). Alderman Arnold mentioned that there is a possibility that the City’s ARPA funding could cover this added expense instead of pulling it out of Park Reserves. Shannon stated that he would look into it. Just in case ARPA funds could not be used for this, Lisa Limberg made a motion to approve using \$23,225 in Park Reserves to cover the shortfall budgeted for the SW Eagles Parkway Trail design. Adam Hoover seconded the motion.
- b. **2024 Park Board Elections** – Board Vote
 - i. Norm Combs opened nominations for President. Mike McCurdy nominated Norm Combs for President. No other nominations were received. Lisa Limberg made a motion to elect Norm Combs for President by acclamation. LaTisha Robinson seconded the motion.
 - ii. Norm Combs opened nominations for Vice President. Lisa Limberg nominated Adam Hoover. No other nominations were received. Lisa Limberg made a motion to elect Adam Hoover for Vice President by acclamation. Mike McCurdy seconded the motion.
 - iii. Norm Combs opened nominations for Secretary. Norm Combs nominated Shawn Brady. No other nominations were received. Adam Hoover made a motion to elect Shawn Brady for Secretary by acclamation. Lisa Limberg seconded the motion.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

- a. **Operational Updates**

- i. The new, electronic LED sign has been installed and is currently in use.
- ii. All in-ground electrical has been installed. This is for the new Christmas displays that we want to add along the Armstrong Park Trail loop each year so that citizens can walk through the display during the holiday season.
- iii. Butterfly Trail crack-fill and sealcoat is completed.
- iv. The sidewalk connector along Ryan Road connecting Ryan Meadows to the South Middle School and Stony Point Elementary is completed.
- v. Shannon provided the board with the 2023 Annual Report for the parks and recreation department.
- vi. We discussed the need to take the 2023 Annual Park Board Photo. Shannon will provide apparel options to the board at the April meeting.

b. City Updates

- i. The annual Downtown Spooktacular event was a great success and very well attended.
- ii. The annual Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting and Holiday Festival was canceled this year due to inclement weather.
- iii. The ARPA funding from Jackson County that we applied for is in limbo right now. We may not receive anything as Frank White wants to give it all to University Health. It has been allocated before the end of this year so we shall see.

c. Past/Current Programs/Special Events

- i. Fall Karate
- ii. Nature's Super Powers
- iii. Youth Pottery
- iv. Preschool Player's Basketball
- v. Mini Munchkin Programs
- vi. Candy Cane Hunt
- vii. Storytime with Mrs. Claus
- viii. Tot Time
- ix. Fitness Membership Special
- x. Christmas Tree Drop-off
- xi. Father-Daughter Dance

d. Upcoming Programs/Special Events

- i. After-school Science Program
- ii. Spring Youth Baseball/Softball/T-ball
- iii. Community Garden
- iv. Senior Social
- v. Preschool Players Soccer

TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- a. Christina "Kiki" Claphan Memorial Playground

- b. City Comprehensive Plan and Parks Master Plan
- c. 2023 Annual Park Board Photo

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Lisa Limberg to adjourn, seconded by Adam Hoover to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.

Next regular meeting: April 16, 2024

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