

GRAIN VALLEY PARK BOARD
MINUTES
December 21, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:03 P.M. by Vice President Jared English.

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT:

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. **APPROVED ABSENCE:** Becky Gray (Secretary), Lisa Limberg
- b. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Norm Combs, seconded by Mike Switzer to approve the October 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.

CITIZEN COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

- a. None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **Veteran's Tribute** – Norm Combs and Mike Switzer
 - i. Mike Switzer stated that all bricks for 2021 have been installed. An 8th flag has been ordered and Bill Bushey has been contacted regarding the installation of the new flagpole. Norm Combs is looking into grants/foundations to raise money for the eagle statue

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Christina "Kiki" Claphan Memorial Playground** – Shannon Davies
 - i. Shannon stated that the Osage Nation has requested that we do a Cultural Resources Survey of the playground site to ensure there is no historical significance. This is required to receive the LWCF grant. Shannon has hired R. Goodwin & Associates to complete the survey. This will cost close to \$3,000, which will be added to the grant award.
 - ii. Shannon received the proposal from Lamp Rynearson for the playground design of \$34,558. They felt that proposal was too high and that there were tasks that could be eliminated. We are awaiting a revised proposal from them.

The plan is to have this agreement approved at one of the January Board of Aldermen meetings

- b. **Park Board/City Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** – Shannon Davies
 - i. The revised MOU was presented to the Board of Aldermen via resolution at the November 14th meeting and was approved.
- c. **2022 Budget Review** – Shannon Davies
 - i. The 2022 Budget was approved by the Board of Aldermen at the November 28th meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Election of 2022 Officers** – Group Discussion/Vote
 - i. Brian Bray opened nominations for **President**. Norm Combs nominated Brian Bray, Jared English seconded. Norm Combs moved to close nominations and elect Brian Bray to **President** by acclamation, seconded by Jared English.
 - ii. Brian Bray opened nominations for **Vice President**. Norm Combs nominated Jared English, Mike Switzer seconded. Norm Combs moved to close nominations and elect Jared English to **Vice President** by acclamation, seconded by Adam Hoover.
 - iii. Brian Bray opened nominations for **Secretary**. Norm Combs nominated Becky Gray, Adam Hoover seconded. Norm Combs moved to close nominations and elect Becky Gray to **Secretary** by acclamation, seconded by Mike Switzer.
- b. **GVSL Meetings** – Brian Bray
 - i. Brian stated that he recently attended a GVSL meeting and there was a lot of discussion pertaining to the City’s athletic fields. He stated that he was going to plan on attending some more in the future, especially if the discussion is centered around park land. Shannon stated that he would attend with him.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

- a. **Operational Updates**
 - i. Shannon reported on some recent vandalism that occurred at the new Blue Branch Creek Trail pedestrian bridge.
 - ii. Due to recent high winds, one of the wooden light poles on Armstrong West snapped and blew over. It has been submitted to insurance and will need to be replaced before the spring, sports season.
 - iii. Shannon stated that the design agreement with Lamp Rynearson for the new trail along Buckner-Tarsney Road from Blue Branch Creek, south to Nelson

- iv. Drive is slated to be approved at the January 10th Board of Aldermen meeting. This project will be in conjunction with a new water line that the City is installing.

b. City Updates

- i. Last month, all City staff participated in an Active Shooter training.
- ii. The Board of Aldermen is no longer looking at the field east of the pavilion as the location for the new police facility. They are now looking at the city-owned property just north of Butterfly Trail. The City plans on having a measure to approve the issuance of bonds for this facility on the April ballot.

c. Past/Current Programs/Special Events

- i. The annual Trail or Treat
- ii. The annual Mayor's Tree Lighting & Holiday Festival
- iii. Candy Cane Hunt
- iv. Storytime with Mrs. Claus
- v. Holiday Fitness Membership Special

d. Upcoming Programs/Special Events

- i. Mini Munchkins – Winter Wonderland – 1/6

TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- a. Christina "Kiki" Claphan Memorial Playground
- b. 2021 Annual Park Board Photo

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Brian Bray, seconded by Mike Switzer to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

Next regular meeting will be January 18, 2022.

