

**GRAIN VALLEY PARK BOARD**  
**MINUTES**  
February 22, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Vice President Jared English.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Jared English (Vice President), Becky Gray (Secretary), Norm Combs, Chuck Harris, Mike Switzer, Lisa Limberg, Shannon Davies (Director)

**ABSENT:** Brian Bray (President)

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a. **APPROVED ABSENCE:** Adam Hoover, Alderman Jayci Stratton
- b. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Lisa Limberg, seconded by Norm Combs to approve the December Minutes. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- a. **REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:**  
Shannon distributed the payables made over the last month and the final year-to-date revenues/expenditures for 2021.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:**

- a. **None**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a. **Veteran's Tribute** – Norm Combs and Mike Switzer
  - i. Still raising funds for an eagle statue for the site. Coordinating with Bill Bushey to install an additional flagpole.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. **Christina "Kiki" Claphan Memorial Playground** – Shannon Davies
  - i. The state is behind right now on formal approvals for this grant round. We should receive formal notification in April on the LWCF grant that we applied for.
  - ii. The agreement with Lamp Rynearson for design/engineering services for this project has been approved by the Board of Aldermen.
- b. **Football Facility Improvements** – Shannon Davies
  - i. Park maintenance will be installing a perimeter post-only fence made from telephone poles along the front of the park running parallel to Old 40 Hwy. They will also be installing a vehicular gate at the entrance.
  - ii. This is a budgeted item for this year.

- iii. This is to prevent vehicles from rutting-up our grassed areas and doing donuts in the parking lot. Once secure, park maintenance will re-level the parking lot and start repairing those grassed areas with fill dirt and seed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. None

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**a. Operational Updates**

- i. Shannon Davies reported that the agreement with Lamp Rynearson for the design/engineering of the Buckner-Tarsney Trail (Nelson Drive south to Blue Branch Creek) has been approved by the Board of Aldermen. The design will be completed this year and is a budgeted item.
- ii. Shannon Davies reported that \$75,000 of American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funds due to the City have been earmarked for a Parks Master Plan. The Grain Valley Parks & Recreation department has never had a comprehensive, master plan conducted. We plan on issuing a RFQ to qualified firms this summer and get this process started either at the end of this year or early next year.
- iii. Shannon Davies reported that we will be going over the proposed 2023-2027 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) at the next Park Board meeting.
- iv. We plan on taking our 2021 Park Board photo at next month's meeting. Shannon Davies handed-out new Park Board shirts.

**b. City Updates**

- i. Shannon Davies reported on the upcoming bond referendum for a new police station that will be on the ballot for the April election.
- ii. The 2022 Citizen's Police Academy starts next month. Registration is currently underway.

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

- i. Father-Daughter Valentine Dance
- ii. Spring Karate

**d. Upcoming Programs/Special Events**

- i. Spring, Youth Baseball/Softball Leagues

**TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING:**

- a. Christina "Kiki" Claphan Memorial Playground
- b. Capital Improvements Program (CIP) 2023-2027
- c. 2021 Annual Park Board Photo

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

Next regular meeting: TBD

