

GRAIN VALLEY PARK BOARD
MINUTES
April 18, 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, Mike Switzer, Adam Hoover, Lisa Limberg, Dale Arnold (Alderman Liaison), Shannon Davies (Director)

ABSENT:

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. **APPROVED ABSENCE:** No action
- b. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Jared English, seconded by Norm Combs to approve the February 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 provided info on the list of payables since our last meeting as well as the YTD for the 2023 fiscal year. Some of the bigger items purchased since our last meeting were 2 pitching machines and 2 portable mounds, several exterior pool doors were purchased and replaced, and the Santa House roof was replaced with a metal roof.

CITIZEN COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

- a. None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **Veteran's Tribute** – Norm Combs and Mike Switzer
 - i. Mike Switzer stated that there had been some recent brick orders. The wildflowers around the site are starting to come in. Norm Combs thinks we may be able to reach out to the sculptor in Colorado to re-engage about getting the eagle sculpture. Also working on Space Force flag.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Christina "Kiki" Claphan Memorial Playground** – Shannon Davies
 - i. The initial engineer's estimate for this project came in at \$490,000. We had budgeted \$400,000. We have asked the City's on-call engineer to make revisions to reduce overall cost. Some items can be done in-house by City staff such as parking lot improvements and removal of the old play structures to also reduce costs. We are still looking at the Fall for project completion.

- b. **City Comprehensive Plan and Parks Master Plan** – Shannon Davies
 - i. Survey results have been distributed to the Board via email for review. Some highlights include:
 - 1. Travel by foot along streets and trails was viewed as important, which plays into our plans for future trails.
 - 2. Sidewalk connectivity is important.
 - 3. Improving existing park facilities was listed as high.
 - 4. An indoor aquatic center was the highest rated amenity.
 - 5. Trails were in the top #3 as desired.
 - 6. Off-leash dog park was also listed as high.
 - 7. Boating and fishing was listed as high, which will be tough since we don't have a body of water of decent size to support boating.
 - 8. Splash pads or spray grounds were rated highly.
 - 9. Pickleball was listed high as an activity for older adults.
 - 10. The down-side of an indoor aquatic center is the high cost to maintain.
 - 11. Community forums have been held. The City hopes to have the Master Plan draft completed by end of July.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Park Board Member Renewals** – Shannon Davies
 - i. Brian Bray, Jared English and Becky Gray's seats are all up for reappointment at the end of May. Becky would like to serve another term. Jared will be stepping down at the end of May and Brian is a newly elected Alderman. So, there will be two open seats on the park board once Becky gets reappointed at the May 22nd Board of aldermen meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- a. **Operational Updates**
 - i. The new bleachers for Armstrong Park are currently being assembled. The concrete pads have already been installed. They will be ready by May 1st when spring games start.
 - ii. We replaced the dry-deck flooring in the men's and women's restrooms at the aquatic center. Also, several of the exterior doors and/or hardware was replaced.
 - iii. Santa House in Armstrong Park now has a new, metal roof.
 - iv. Native seeding is being done in areas at Monkey Mountain Park to reduce the overall amount of mowing.
 - v. We need to get the 2022 Park Board photo taken. Take at the June 20th meeting.

b. City Updates

- i. Shannon relayed the recent Board of Aldermen election results: Tom Cleaver (Ward 1), Darren Mills (Ward 2), Brian Bray (Ward 3)
- ii. Construction of the new police building is underway.

c. Past/Current Programs/Special Events

- i. Spring Karate
- ii. Build-it-Yourself Workshop – 4/1
- iii. Storybook Trail – 4/7-4/16
- iv. Free Softball Clinic – 4/15
- v. Preschool Player’s Soccer – Saturday’s starting 4/8
- vi. Cyber-Security Classes – 4/19, 4/26, 5/3, 5/10

d. Upcoming Programs/Special Events

- i. Senior Steppers - Daily
- ii. Bingo Social – Wednesday’s
- iii. SilverSneakers Circuit – Wednesday’s & Friday’s
- iv. Elk’s Lodge Free Fishing Derby – 5/6
- v. Storybook Trail – 6/4-6/11
- vi. Learn to Swim Classes – June-Aug.
- vii. Water Aerobics – June-Aug.
- viii. Tennis Clinic – June
- ix. Lego Summer Camp – 6/12-6/15
- x. Movie in the Park – “DC League of Super-Pets” – 6/18

TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Norm Combs, seconded by Mike Switzer to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Next regular meeting: June 20, 2023