

GRAIN VALLEY PARK BOARD
MINUTES
June 20, 2023

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

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Norm Combs (Interim President), Shawn Brady (Secretary), Becky Gray, Mike Switzer, Lisa Limberg, Dale Arnold (Alderman Liaison), Shannon Davies (Director)

ABSENT: Chuck Harris

[With former President Brian Bray's recent election to the Board of Aldermen and former Vice President Jared English stepping down, the Park Board opened nominations for Interim President. Lisa Limberg nominated Norm Combs. Becky Gray seconded. Norm Combs appointed Interim President of the Park Board through the remainder of 2023.]

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. **APPROVED ABSENCE:** Adam Hoover
- b. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Shawn Brady, seconded by Mike Switzer to approve the April 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 the installation of 4 sets of new, aluminum bleachers at the Armstrong Park ballfields. Also, at Blue Branch Creek Trail, a curb cut was installed at Laura Lane and a section of sidewalk was repaired. A new commercial mower was purchased (traded-in old mower). Two new park benches and a tree were purchased through donated funds from the Park Adoption program.

CITIZEN COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

- a. None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **Veteran's Tribute** – Norm Combs and Mike Switzer
 - i. Norm Combs has not heard back from the sculptor regarding his request to add an eagle statue to the Veteran's Tribute. Norm will report on this again at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Christina “Kiki” Claphan Memorial Playground** – Shannon Davies
 - i. The Pre-Bid meeting was held for this project last week. There was a great turnout from various playground manufacturer’s and their sub-contractors. The bid deadline for this project is June 27th. Installation is still planned for this Fall.
 - ii. To ensure involvement and feedback by the Park Board on this project, a Playground Committee was formed. The committee includes Shawn Brady, Mike Switzer, Lisa Limberg and Norm Combs. The committee will meet with Shannon Davies after all bids have been submitted on June 27th at 6pm for review and assist with the selection.

- b. **City Comprehensive Plan and Parks Master Plan** – Shannon Davies
 - i. Another steering committee meeting was held last Tuesday, June 13th.
 - ii. An indoor aquatic facility and trails were among the top 3 priorities from citizen respondents.
 - iii. An off-leash dog park was also a high priority.
 - iv. The community also has a desire for lakes to include boating and fishing.
 - v. July 19th is the second, Joint Workshop among the Board of Aldermen, Park Board, and Planning & Zoning Commission.

- c. **Park Board Member Renewals (3-year term)** – Shannon Davies
 - i. Becky Gray was reappointed to another 3-year term by the Board of Aldermen at the May 22nd meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Park Board Vacancies/Application Review** – Group Discussion
 - i. Two new applications for the Park Board were received and reviewed by the Park Board. Shawn Brady made a motion to appoint both applicants to the Park Board. Lisa Limberg seconded. Shannon Davies will draft resolutions for both applicants and place them on the next Board of Aldermen agenda for formal appointment.

- b. **2023-27 Capital Improvements Program (CIP)** – Shannon Davies
 - i. Shannon Davies shared the timeline of some of the trails projects in the CIP for the upcoming years. Buckner-Tarsney Trail from the existing Blue Branch Creek trailhead south to Nelson Drive. Also, SW Eagles Parkway Trail from Buckner-Tarsney Road west to the existing Blue Branch Creek trailhead at Cross Creek. Lastly, trail connectivity on Ryan Road from Ryan Meadows west to the South Middle School.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

a. Operational Updates

- i. The Spring, youth baseball and softball leagues wrap-up next week. We had the largest enrollment to date with over 500 kids participating.
- ii. We are 1 month into the pool season. Swim Lessons are so popular that we have "wait lists." 67 of the 72 available pool rental slots have been reserved. We had a near record crowd for open swim on Juneteenth.

b. City Updates

- i. Public Works is having their annual Community Event on June 21st in Armstrong Park.

c. Past/Current 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" – 6/16. We had close to 150 attendees.
- xi. Popsicles in the Park – 6/13
- xii. Summer Fitness Membership Special

d. Upcoming Programs/Special Events

- i. Fall, youth baseball and softball league registration will open in early July.
- ii. Preschool Player's Instructional T-ball – Saturday's 7/8 thru 8/12
- iii. Popsicles in the Park – 7/12

TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- a. Christina "Kiki" Claphan Memorial Playground
- b. City Comprehensive Plan and Parks Master Plan
- c. Park Board Member Update
- d. Committees for Valley Fair Days and Downtown Spooktacular
- e. Lighting at Butterfly Trail

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Next regular meeting: August 15, 2023