

GRAIN VALLEY PARK BOARD
MINUTES
October 15, 2024

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

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Norm Combs (President), Adam Hoover (Vice President), Chuck Harris, Mike Switzer, Lisa Limberg, LaTisha Robinson, Mike McCurdy, Shannon Davies (Director)

ABSENT: Alderman Brian Bray

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. **APPROVED ABSENCE:** Shawn Brady (Secretary), Becky Gray
- b. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Chuck Harris, seconded by Mike McCurdy to approve the August 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/discussed YTD Revenues and Expenditures. Some of the expenditures include materials for the lighting of the Veteran's Tribute

CITIZEN COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **Veteran's Tribute** – Norm Combs provided an update of the traffic that came to his booth at the City's annual fair. Lighting of the tribute to provide illumination of the flags will be completed before year-end.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Parks Master Plan** – Shannon Davies
 - i. No report.
- b. **2025 Budget/Fee Schedule** – Shannon Davies
 - i. Shannon provided information on the proposed 2025 budget including all of the Capital items that were discussed at the August meeting and asked if the board had any questions. Also provided was the proposed 2025 Fee Schedule, which included increases to the Pool Day Pass (\$5 to \$6) and increases to Private Pool Rentals (\$175, \$215, \$255 to \$190, \$230, \$270).
 - ii. Mike Switzer made a motion to approve the proposed 2025 Budget/Fee Schedule. Seconded by Adam Hoover.
 - iii. It will now go before the Board of Aldermen for adoption at the December 9th meeting.

c. Park Land Dedication Ordinance – Shannon Davies

- i. The initial draft was provided to the board at the August meeting for review. Shannon asked if anyone had any questions or feedback. There was some discussion about whether the school district would also be bound by this ordinance.
- ii. Shannon will now have the Community Development department and City Attorney review the proposed language before it goes to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Design Services for City Facilities – Shannon Davies

- i. Shannon stated that the City staff have looked at KC area city hall's, community center's and aquatic facilities, with staff from Hoefer Welker to get a better idea of existing amenities and services and find out what is currently being offered, what has worked well, and popular as well as the opposite. Hoefer Welker has put together a focus group to assist with this endeavor, provide feedback, as well as provide support for this within the community. The focus group is made up of Grain Valley citizens. Both Lisa Limberg and LaTisha Robinson are among the 7 members.
- ii. Shannon stated that City staff have also met with Hoefer Welker once and will have several more meetings before year-end to analyze what the needs are for these 3 facilities with the goal of having a bond issue before voters in April of 2025.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

a. Operational Updates

- i. The city just purchased approximately 7 acres of land at the southeast corner of Duncan and Dillingham Roads for a future park. The City used American Recovery Program Act (ARPA) funds to make this purchase. This tract of land is centrally located among several large, city neighborhoods, adjacent to an elementary school, has current pedestrian connectivity, and provides much needed park space north of I-70.
- ii. The Conservation department recommends that we do a controlled burn of the native plantings around the Veteran's Tribute to help with future growth. We plan to do this in the next week or two in conjunction with Central Jackson County Fire.
- iii. We plan on enclosing Shelter 4 in Armstrong Park for much needed storage space. Shelter 4 is not one of the shelters that we currently rent out and gets very little usage due to its proximity to playgrounds and restrooms. Park Maintenance plans on starting this work later this month.
- iv. The Fall, Youth Baseball/Softball season wraps-up tonight.

b. City Updates

- i. Drug Take Back & Shred Event – 10/26.

c. Past/Current Programs/Special Events

- i. Tot Time (Monday's)
- ii. Fall Karate (starts 10/15)
- iii. Downtown Spooktacular (10/25)

d. Upcoming Programs/Special Events

- i. Mini Munchkins (10/16 & 11/20)
- ii. Cold Blooded Critters (10/24)
- iii. Preschool Players Basketball (starts 11/2)
- iv. CHAD 1000X (11/9)
- v. Youth Pottery (11/16)

TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- a. Parks Master Plan
- b. Park Land Dedication Ordinance
- c. Design Services for City Facilities
- d. Park Board Elections

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Chuck Harris to adjourn, seconded by Lisa Limberg. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.

Next regular meeting: December 10, 2024