

Parks and Recreation

Board Minutes

February 10, 2020

On February 10, 2020 the meeting of the Ashland Park Board was called to order by Chairperson Tracy Banning at 123 E Broadway, Ashland, Missouri at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members present were Chairperson Tracy Banning, Ernie Wren, Brian Sapp, Pamela Dees, Marsha Lessley and David Mars.

Board Members Absent: Kellye McCord.

Guests: Cecil Payne, Public Works Supervisor James Creel, Administrative Assistant Claire Melvin and Alderman Jesse Bronson joined the meeting at 6:20 pm.

Chairperson Banning called for a motion to approve the agenda for February 10, 2020. Motion was made by Board Member Dees and seconded by Board Member Sapp to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Chairperson Banning called for a motion to approve the minutes from January 13, 2020. Motion was made by Board Member Dees and seconded by Board Member Sapp to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Guest Comments: Cecil Payne stated the concerns of the Lakeview Estates homeowners in regards to the possible projected development of the Lakeview Lake area. Their biggest concerns are construction on or near the dam, the fact that the City does not currently own the property and that, per the Lakeview Subdivision covenants, the residents have private use of the lake. Chairperson Banning let him know that since this was not an agenda item that no discussion would take place and suggested that the item be added to next month's agenda.

New Business:

1. "Adopt a Spot": Mt Pleasant Baptist Church reached out to the city and inquired about adopting a flower bed in the park. The Board discussed the topic and Board Member Lessley suggested that the Board look into Columbia's "adopt a spot" program to try and get ideas for guidelines for the program. Board Member Wren suggested the Public Works Department have final say in and monitoring of the program due to their knowledge of the Park. Chairperson Banning tabled the item until next month when more information is gathered.
2. Ball Park: The YMCA and other organizations have already reached out to the city regarding the availability of the ball park. The ball park needs some maintenance to get ready for the upcoming season (i.e. weeding and raking the infield). Public Works Supervisor James Creel stated that the ball park improvements will be covered by the Land Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant that the city is applying for. Depending on the amount of repairs needed to the ball field the field may not be available for this upcoming season. Public Works Supervisor James Creel discussed some of the repairs that needed to be made and also added that the green shed by the ball field will be moved to the Street Department building in order to store the City's Christmas decorations. Chairperson Banning stated that until the grant is approved, all renovations and reservations to the ball field are on hold.

Old Business:

1. Park Event Dates: Chairperson Banning and Board Member Wren stated that it would not be beneficial to the growth of the Fall Festival to have it in conjunction with the Cattleman's Day Rodeo. The Board discussed dates that would work around MU home games and other festivals in the area. Board Member Wren made a motion to schedule the Fall Festival for September 19, 2020. The motion was seconded by Board member Dees and the motion carried. Chairperson Banning stated that she has worked on a vendor packet to send out to last year's vendors and potential vendors to go out this week. Chairperson Banning stated that she received a lot of positive feedback on the Car and Bike Show from last year and after some discussion the Board agreed to bring the Car and Bike Show back for the 2020 Festival. Board Member Wren suggested that this year's event include an "Engine rev" and stated that they are always a big hit with the Car and Bike show crowd. Board Member Lessley added that a way to tie the downtown businesses into the fall fest would be to offer a booth space for a reduced price. There was discussion about having a parade that would end up at the park and would possibly include the cars from the car and bike show. Chairperson Banning let the board know that the date that was chosen by the Board at the last meeting for the Easter Egg Hunt was also on the same day as the Spring City Wide Garage sale. She asked the Board if they thought the two events would cause an issue if scheduled on the same day. The Board discussed and decided not to change the date.
2. Park Improvements: Public Works Supervisor James Creel discussed the following topics: installation of the mirrors in the Park Bathrooms, purchasing new flags for the Avenue of Flags, issues he has with the preliminary design of the disc golf course, grant estimates and the tennis courts were discussed at length. After further discussion of the tennis courts, Public Works Supervisor James Creel suggested going with the estimate that included a total resurfacing for approx. \$33,000.00. He also suggested that the City apply for a grant with the USTA that could grant the City up to \$10,000.00 to try and supplement that amount. Board Member Wren made a motion to recommend the total resurfacing as per the recommendation of James Creel. The motion was seconded by Board Member Lessley, the motion carries.

Discussion:

City Administrator's Report: None

Alderman Liaison Report: Alderman Jesse Bronson shared with the Board that he would be stepping down from the Board of Aldermen effective in April. He also shared that the Board of Aldermen voted to approve the applications for the Grants that Public Works Supervisor James Creel and City Administrator Tony St. Romaine have been working on for park improvements.

Individual Reports:

Motion was made by Board Member Dees and seconded by Board Member Lessley to adjourn the meeting at 7:18p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes taken by Claire Melvin, Administrative Assistant