

September 19th, 2023
Minutes of The
City of Salem Park Board Meeting

5:30 pm-Carlos Lopez called the meeting to order.

Roll Call was taken:

Present: Park Board members, Angie Curley, Carlos Lopez, Kristy Rushing, Crystal Pilkington. Absent: Tiffin Felkerson, Stacy Jones, and Caleb Shepherd. Also, in attendance, Kyle Williams, City Alderman, Melissa DuBois, Parks and Recreation Director, Sally Burbridge, City Administrator, Luke Hiethold, Kendra Mobray, John Hambacker, Jay Anderson & Stan Podorski, KSMO Radio/Your World Today.

Carlos presented a letter from Tiffin Felkerson, resigning from the Park Board. Discussion was held on a recommendation to the board. Kyle Williams suggested Tracy Kent. Carlos recommended Luke Hiethold. The board would like those interested to fill out the city online form and submit it by Friday. Kristy made a motion to take nominations until Friday the 22nd, then meet again and make a recommendation, Crystal seconded and all agreed. 4-0. Carlos will notify the board in the next 2 weeks, to have a special meeting to vote on making a recommendation to the City Mayor for approval to the board.

The past minutes were read, Angie Curley made a motion to approve, Kristy seconded, and all agreed 4-0 to approve.

Melissa Dubois gave an update on Parks & Recreation. She discussed the kids summer camp, flag football, basketball, the pool numbers and information, the pool snow cones and pretzels at the concession was a success, the tree plan went well with only losing 1 tree, the splash pad will be winterized, the Al Brown lighting project, and the Civic Theater update. She discussed the Light up in the Park that will be from Dec. 2nd to 31st. Registration will be open soon.

Melissa passed out a budget update to review, Crystal made a motion to accept, Kristy seconded, and all agreed 4-0.

John Hambacker and Jay Anderson discussed improvements they would like to see on the walking trail, from 3rd Street to Grand to the Sewer

Treatment Plant. John would provide a 5X8 feet metal sign at the corner of 3rd Street that could be seen by all who pass by. Parking for the public is available at that entrance. He would like to see the former 2 benches repaired and possibly 2 more new benches installed, with a few trees around the beginning of the trail. Jay discussed the history along the trail. John discussed the possibility of the Tourism Committee having the walking trails put in a brochure for those who visit the community could see. Discussion was held on who is responsible for the trails and maintenance. More information will be gathered, and the Board will be meeting in the next 2 weeks and will discuss it further. Angie made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to RSMO 610.021 (2), Kristy seconded, and all voted yes. Kristy yes, Crystal, yes, Carlos yes, and Angie yes.

7:30 p.m. Back into open session. No further discussion, Crystal made a motion to adjourn, Kristy Rushing seconded, and all agreed 4-0 to adjourn.