

SOUTH LYON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES May 11, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm by Vice Chairperson Wilson.

Present: Dianne Beagle
Ed McCloud
Jeff Thompson
Erica Wilson

Kristen Delaney – City of South Lyon

Absent: Keith McCormick
Mike Olando

Approval of Agenda – Beagle stated that a Boy Scout from Troop 38 would be attending the meeting to propose an Eagle Scout project for the Commission's approval. Since there was no new information to discuss regarding the Muddy Shoe Run, she suggested that that agenda item be replaced by the Scout proposal. Motion by McCloud, supported by Thompson, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – Motion by McCloud, supported by Thompson, to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2011 Commission meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comments – None

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. Junior League Baseball – Bryan Spaller presented general cost estimates for constructing the new baseball/softball field at McHattie Park. The following estimates are assuming that all materials are purchased and all work is performed by contractors:

- Excavation and dirt work \$7000 - 9000
- 80 tons of diamond dust \$4500

- Bleachers and backstop options:
 - Aluminum bleachers with regular, chain link backstop \$10,000 installed
 - High school quality w/bleachers that connect to backstop \$18,000 installed

Mr. Spaller stated that he would have more accurate estimates, along with a list of any donated materials or services, ready for the Commission's June meeting. Thompson requested that the League also provide an estimate for a concession building.

Commissioners will then create a presentation for the second City Council meeting in June.

In the meantime, Junior League members and Commissioners will investigate options for monetary donations for this project.

2. Eagle Scout Projects – Danny Burchart from BSA Troop 38 presented his project idea. He proposed the rebuilding of the white, wooden bridge across the creek in McHattie Park. The current railings are rotted and the design allows water to penetrate the joints and pool on flat surfaces, contributing to the rot. He proposed new railings built from 2x4 wood that not only would be strong but would allow water to drain off. Danny also proposed repairing some of the deck boards that have worn and are uneven. He will first examine the bottom surfaces to see if simply turning them over will work. If not, he will replace the decking including spacing that would allow water to drain. The completed bridge will be painted white. Danny will also install plants at either end to help maintain the picturesque setting. Commissioners approved this project with the stipulation that Danny present a drawing of his final design prior to any work beginning. Commissioners also stated that construction should take place in late summer or fall, after the activities in that area of the park wind down, as the bridge will need to be closed for several days for demolition and reconstruction.

3. Grant Opportunities for Park Improvement Funding – Commissioners will complete their reviews of potential grant opportunities and email the information to Thompson. He will consolidate the information for presentation at the June 8 meeting.

4. Girl Scout Projects – The Girl Scouts will be sprucing up several of the City's gazebos as their Silver Award project. They'll begin their work during the City-Wide Clean-Up Day. Depending on how much is accomplished, they may work additional days to complete their project.

5. Park Signage – Commissioners will design new signs which state park rules, time of operation and incorporate new dog regulations. The signs will be identical and will be used at both McHattie and Volunteer Parks. The design will be presented to the City Manager for his approval.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Park Walk-Throughs – Commissioners completed the walk-through of Volunteer Park and discussed work that could be performed at both Volunteer and McHattie Parks during the Clean-Up Day.

Much discussion took place regarding the vandalism occurring in McHattie Park. The Commission would like to formally request a greater police presence in the park to help deter the vandalism and destruction. Thompson will draft a letter from the Commission to the police chief requesting increased patrols. Upon approval from the Commission, the letter will be sent to the police chief and City Council.

III. Commission Comments – None

IV. Adjournment – Motion by McCloud, supported by Thompson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Upcoming meetings/events: June 8
 July 13
 August 10
 September 5 – Labor Day Bridge Walk
 September 14

Submitted by: _____
 Michael Olando, Chairperson

Dianne Beagle, Secretary

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