

Park Board Meeting - 10/09/06

Meeting Chair: Park Board President Doug Pickert called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

In Attendance:

Doug Pickert, Park Board President
Doug Dailey, Park Board VP
Nancy Cook, Park Board Member
Ron Crow, Park Board Member
Barry Thierer, Friends of Park representative
Mike Nolan, Friends of Park representative
Jay Garvin, Director of Parks and Recreation
Justin Huslig, Aquatic Pool Manager

Not in Attendance:

Approval of Minutes

September minutes have not been distributed for approval.

Treasurer's Report

General and Shugart Funds Report.

	April	May	June	July	August	September
General Fund						
Park Fees	77,664.12	85,947.12	88,887.12	89,157.12	89,157.12	21,612.61
Liquor Tax	25,569.40	25,569.40	28,569.46	28,569.45	28,569.45	31,142.38
Cash Balance	24,872.89	17,507.89	17,507.89	21,361.61	21,612.61	89,697.12
Total	128,106.41	129,024.41	134,964.47	139,088.18	139,339.18	142,452.11
Shugart Fund*	20,420.36	20,420.36	20,659.68	20,659.68	20,659.68	20,659.68

* Interest accrued from the Shugart Fund can only be used for improvements at Miller Park.

Old Business

1) Friends of the Park (FOP) Discussion

Representatives from the Friends of the Park shared thoughts on their future direction. Mike Nolan and Barry Thierer stated that the FOP will remain in tact until such time that a possible project is identified for them contribute accumulated funds. The FOP stated that once the accumulated funds have been spent, the FOP will disband. It was agreed that the park board will contact Mike Nolan for possible projects for their money.

2) Reminder about Joint Boards Session – Downtown Revitalization

Doug Pickert encourages the board to attend the upcoming planning session on October 17th in the city council chambers. The planning session is a joint city staff and associated board's discussion around future downtown plans for the city of De Soto. The session will begin at 5 PM CST.

3) Bulb Plantings

No action has been taken by the board on this topic since our last meeting. The board does not currently have enough information to assemble a project. Doug Pickert will meet with Lana McPherson to discuss what was initially requested, as well as our ability to offer assistance.

4) Sportsmanship Classes for Youth Sports

Jay Garvin and Justin Huslig presented some possible options for sportsmanship classes that other towns have used to educate coaches and parents in preparation for youth sports programs. They will bring more specific information to our next meeting for review. Doug Dailey also suggested that we continue to explore possible signage that can be posted on the backstops for our fields, similar to what is currently done at the 3-2 baseball fields. Jay and Justin agreed to investigate this.

5) Pool Shelter

Bids were sent out for a proposed shelter adjacent to the east end of the new city pool that would provide construction of a new 20X20 shelter, as well as the installation of previously purchased playground equipment. A bid by KLC has been accepted by the city and preparation work will begin to start the construction process.

The cost of the project will be paid for through the city with the use of a special Park Fund.

The Rotary club has approached city staff to help furnish the shelter with structures. Jay Garvin is representing the city in these discussions. Doug Pickert will provide a sketch of what the proposed shelter site could look like to share at the next meeting. It will incorporate the shelter, playground area, and possible landscaping and tree options.

6 Park Board Member Search

The board discussed possible candidates to fill the final position for the current active park board.

New Business

1) Park Board ByLaws

The board discussed modifications to be made to the current De Soto, Kansas Park Board Bylaws document. Modifications were recommended for Article III Officers, section 4 specific to the capturing and distribution of meeting minutes. The board also agreed to eliminate Article III, section 5, which deals specifically with a treasurer on the park board. Because the park board is an advisory board and does not have any fiscal responsibility, this officer position is not needed.

The board also is recommending changes to Article IV, section 7. The language will be changed to state that after three consecutive unexcused absences, the park board can request the voting member to resign.

Doug Pickert will update the section accordingly, and present for review at our next board meeting.

2) CIP Planning

The board started discussions around recommendations from the Parks and Recreation master plan. This effort is in preparation for the city of De Soto capital improvements planning activities scheduled for this fall. The board focused initial discussions on detailing possible phases for the proposed park at Lexington and Commerce Drive.

Member Comments

None Recorded.

Closing of the October Meeting

Nancy Cook made a motion to close out the meeting at 9:20 PM. The motion was seconded by Doug Ron Crow. The MOTION CARRIED.