

Park Board Meeting - 12/13/04

Meeting Chair: Doug Dailey, Vice President of Park Board

In Attendance:

Ron Crow, Park Board Member
Jay Garvin, Director of Parks and Recreation
Doug Dailey, Vice President of Park Board
Greg Johnson, City Administrator
Nancy Cook, Treasurer of Park Board
Doug Pickert, Park Board Member
Barry Thierer, Park Board Member

Not in Attendance:

Cheri Reichenberger, Park Board Member

Old Business

1) Acceptance of previous meeting minutes.

Nancy Cook motioned to accept the November meeting minutes and the motion as seconded by Ron Crow. MOTION CARRIED.

2) Treasurer's report

Nancy Cook reported no activity from the "Friends of the Park" account through October. The current balance is \$13,889.91.

Friends of the park balance has not changed. Start discussing how to use some of this money. Staff will identify some possible capital improvements early 05 and bring list to board for review at a future date. Spring estimation.

3) Tree City USA was not discussed during this session. Tabled for January.

Mike Nolan is continuing work to contact the state of Kansas and coordinate efforts in the planting of trees along Kill Creek Road.

- Acquire permit
- Getting three formal bids for the planting of 30 trees along Kill Creek Rd. (one-year warranty)

4) Beautification of City Entrances along Lexington Avenue and Penner Avenue

Doug Pickert continued discussion on this topic from the previous meeting in November. Some tentative agreement on design and appearance has been agreed upon. Doug Pickert is currently working on a cost estimate. One of the primary objectives is to use the existing markers as a foundation for the new monuments to save on cost!

Doug Dailey asked if any consideration had been made regarding relocating the south monument off of Lexington across from the Middle School to improve visibility and broaden the scope of the business district. Doug Pickert stated that due to potential costs for a new monument, he had not considered relocation.

5) Neighborhood Park – West Side.

Some discussions regarding Brook West subdivision. Doug Pickert mentioned an area south of 87th street between pasture and north of soccer field for the high school as a potential site for a local neighborhood park. Staff planned on looking at this area.

6) Park Land and Park Space for Arbor Ridge Residential Housing Development

Greg Johnson updated the board on this project.

New Business

1) Wilderness Park – Boy Scouts

A local Boy Scout troop didn't know who to contact to use this park. Jay stated that there is not a formal process for this. This is typically handled by contacting him directly. The last request was handled by Greg Johnson. Barry mentioned that if they have a plan for a semi-permanent firepit, they should coordinate through rural firefighter to approve the location and structure.

Closing of the December Meeting

Motion by Ron Crow to close out the meeting. The motion was seconded by Doug Pickert. MOTION CARRIED and meeting ended at 8:02 PM.

Consent Agenda January

Arbor Ridge Park Space	Greg Johnson	Update provided.
Pool House Discussion	Greg Johnson	Provide Cost-Benefit Analysis for improve versus new restroom.
Tree City USA	Mike Nolan	Inventory and Kill Creek Road Project Update.
City Council Tour of existing Parks	Mike Nolan	11/08 Waiting on Update from Mike. 1. Establish objectives of tour 2. Identify order of Tour 3. Develop Park Feature Statements for each park on the tour
City Park Survey - Results	Doug Dailey	11/08 Currently on HOLD. 11/08 Doug Dailey presented results to Park Board. Prepare for City Council.
Community Center Usage	Greg Johnson	Changes were shared. Preparing for City Council.
Johnson County Streamway Project	Greg Johnson	Greg Johnson contacted Johnson County. The county is planning on completing planned Streamway work in 2005.
Beautification - North and South Entrances	Doug Pickert	Doug Pickert presented some initial designs concepts to Park Board. Continue to evolve re-design in December meeting. Goal to take advantage of existing facia and build up higher some architectural elements. East entrance tree removal recommendation by Jay Garvin. Question of the design of signage for community groups. One design has some three dimensional aspects into the design. Some discussion on possible lighting options. Doug will bring cost estimate next meeting. Nancy Cook will get in touch with Artistic Illusions for sign company that is local. There was also mention of a local mason that we could speak with about this project. Doug Dailey asked about additional elements in account for placement of the sign. Possibilities of constructing new sign on south and west side of town on dedicated park ground. Verbal estimates would range close to 30,000 per sign to accomplish something on that order.
Future Park Site	Doug Pickert	Doug Pickert to review preliminary boundary maps for the future park site and take a closer look at the available tracts of land that would support this park and report back to team for December meeting. Skate Park Large Pavilion Rest rooms Walking Trail linkages Playground Parking on Commerce Walkways on Lexington space w/benches – picnic spot. Think about linking Rieke to this proposed park space. Smaller scale possibly like Kill Creek. This led to discussion on balancing active with passive park spaces and plans to incorporate those. Greg mentioned that sewer plant proposed for NW. Growth of city will be to westward and should begin to look to growth.