

De Soto Park Board Meeting-2/14/05

In Attendance:

Mike Nolan, President of Park Board
Ron Crow, Park Board Member
Jay Garvin, Director of Parks and Recreation
Greg Johnson, City Administrator
Cheri Reichenberger, Park Board Member
Nancy Cook, Treasurer of Park Board
Barry Thierer, Park Board Member
Doug Pickert, Park Board Member
Guest-Bart Hall
Guest-Margit Hall

Not in Attendance:

Doug Dailey, Park Board Member

Approval of Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Friends of De Soto
Beginning Balance \$13889.51
Addition of \$100.00 (in Mike's name)
Total \$13989.51
(\$294.00 worth of checks not yet cashed)
*See De Soto Park Board February 05 for below
 Park Board General Fund Budget
 Park Fees and Liquor Tax
 Shugart Fund

Greg announced Memorandum for workshop with City Council to be held Thursday, February 17th.

Guest- Bart and Margit Hall spoke about the park across the road from their property. Here are their concerns:

They said the ground was not suitable for a park.

Trees serve as levy for flood control, soil has eroded there and it's not stable

There is no running water and no sewer

There is an abundance of poison ivy and rocks.

Interesting life forms have been wondering around there now that a sign has been put up who may be looking for fishing and people have been leaving their trash behind.

1940 Golden Eagle Protection Act says human exclusion zone usually has to be 300 yds away from the eagle's nest which he says he has spotted. Park boundary is not clearly defined. He suggested the city transfer easement to Federal Government as a wildlife refuge.

Barry stated residents should be able to use the city park grounds. He suggested a sign stating when the park is open or a road closed from sunset to sunrise might help. Mike suggested that perhaps a gate would be beneficial.

Bart and Margit thanked the board for their time likewise and was end of this discussion with them.

Old Business:

Park Board discussed they would like to contact Westar regarding power lines for the proposed skate park area.

Entrance signs-Doug showed a sample picture of his drawing. We discussed the possibility of putting caps on the ends or something to add some height.

New Business:

Banners-Jay passed around forms stating renewals for banners. Jay will email Nancy the forms so she can distribute them to the businesses at a Chamber meeting. The banners will be displayed from sometime in March through October. It requires approximately two weeks making the banners.

Golf Tournament-May 1st, afternoon. Mike will call Tom

Tree City USA-Mike has sent out requests for several bids to purchase and plant trees. He again will get in touch with the bidders. K Dot has mandated the types of trees to be planted and they will be 1 ½ inches in diameter. Greg has not heard a reply from K Dot yet and plans to contact them.

April 19th and 20th Kim Bomberger will be in De Soto and Mike plans to join her.

Member comment-Park Impact Fee has increased from \$300.00 from \$135.00.

Barry motioned to adjourn, Ron seconded. Adjourned.