

Park Board Meeting - 03/14/05

Meeting Chair: Park Board Member Mike Nolan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

In Attendance:

Ron Crow, Park Board Member
Jay Garvin, Director of Parks and Recreation
Doug Dailey, Vice President of Park Board
Nancy Cook, Treasurer of Park Board
Barry Thierer, Park Board Member
Mike Nolan, President of Park Board
Doug Pickert, Park Board Member

Not in Attendance:

Cheri Reichenberger, Park Board Member

Approval of Minutes

Doug Dailey motioned to accept minutes from February's board meeting. Nancy Cook the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report

There is currently \$13,989.51 in the Friends of the Park Fund.

Old Business

1) Park Fees

City council approved to increase the park fees per lot to \$300.

2) Banners

Mike Nolan provided an update on the banners and the upcoming golf tournament planned for Oak Country Club scheduled for May 1st.

3) Update on Last Month's Forum with City Council

A lot of positive feedback was received from city council on progress made by the Park board specific to survey work and future planning that was shared in February. Some discussion occurred specific to working towards a comprehensive master plan for De Soto parks. The council members were appreciative of the board's efforts in representing the community.

The council recommended that we pursue a seasonal newsletter for park programs and activities available to residents. Jay Garvin will follow with the City of Lawrence to investigate about possible sponsorships that are available to subsidize this effort. A tentative first release would be late summer in preparation for fall activities.

The council members were encouraged by the proposed monument designs for the existing entrances to the city and were willing to help with related costs.

4) Parks Comprehensive Plan

Doug Pickert will provide a few templates for RFPs that can be used to establish a call for bids to drive a comprehensive master plan study for our community.

4) City Entrances

Doug Pickert will provide a few templates for RFPs that can be used to establish a call for bids to drive a comprehensive master plan study for our community. Doug Pickert inquired if the park board should be financing the upgrades to these entrance areas or whether it fell under the overall capital plan for the city. While it was not budgeted in this year's capital plan, the board felt that we would be willing to assist with costs, but not carry the full burden of this improvement on behalf of the city. The board has a completed design with cost estimates and is willing to contribute through the enhancement committee funds.

This item will need to be brought before the city council formally with estimated costs to land a decision on moving forward.

New Business

1) Widow Big Knife

Jay is currently working with conservationist groups to confirm if there is an eagle's nest that would classify this land as protected and under additional land use guidelines.

2) Park Project Update

Parks and Recreation Director, Jay Garvin, reviewed some of the current projects that are underway.

Shelter House @ Miller Park	Jay Garvin	Planning on replacing existing roof with a metal material with estimated costs of \$1500.00 Planned for April timeline pending weather
Replace mulch around Miller Park playground equipment		Currently planned for late summer and early fall
Place new fixtures around tennis courts @ Miller Park		Plans to address additional drainage issues are underway
Address drainage issues		Plans for summer
Tennis Court resurfacing		Plans underway for April
Basketball Court resurfacing		Currently working toward safety certification for parks equipment
Park Safety Certification		

3) Site Plan Discussion for Sunflower Park

Greg Johnson will put a site plan together for Sunflower Park to help make decisions on future developments involving playground equipment acquired from Woodsonia Elementary school and picnic tables planned for purchase. This park is actually owned by Johnson County and operated by the City of De Soto.

4) De Soto Garden Club

Doug Dailey has spoken with Beth Burkhard with respect to organizing a local garden club that can help beautify areas in our parks or city. Doug stated that Beth has had some experience with Quivira Lake Garden Club and is interested in becoming more involved in ways to beautify our community.

5) Boat Ramp

Several groups have approached city staff and members with respect to current progress with the boat ramp project. The board will follow on this topic to find out exact details.

Member Comments

None Recorded.

Closing of the March Meeting

There was a motion by Doug Pickert to close out the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ron Crow. MOTION CARRIED and meeting ended at 8:47 PM.

Consent Agenda for April

Garden Club Update	Doug Dailey	
New Shelter at newly planned pool	Jay Garvin	
Tree City USA	Mike Nolan	Inventory and Kill Creek Road Project Update.
		11/08 Waiting on Update from Mike.
		01/13 Waiting on Update from Mike.
Golf Tournament	Mike Nolan	
Existing Pool House Remodel	Greg Johnson	Provide Cost-Benefit Analysis for improve versus new restroom
Beautification - North and South	Doug Pickert	Discussion to continue and also waiting on more detail cost estimates.
Entrances		
Banner Program Update	Nancy Cook	
City Park Comprehensive Plan	Mike Nolan	
Widow Big Knife	Jay Garvin	
Site Plan Discussion for Sunflower	Greg Johnson	
Future Park Site	Doug Pickert	Continue to develop site plan.