

Park Board Meeting - 05/09/05

Meeting Chair: Park Board Member Mike Nolan called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

In Attendance:

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

Not in Attendance:

Nancy Cook, Treasurer

Approval of Minutes

Cheri Reichenberger motions to table minutes from the March meeting for approval. Ron Crow seconded the motion.
MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report

No update on treasury.

Old Business

2) Golf Outing

The golf outing was a success as around \$2,700 was raised for use by the park board.

3) Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan (20 yr plan to 2025)

The comprehensive plan timeline is on schedule to date.

2005 Calendar Year

May 9 th	RFP completed (Greg presented to board)
May 19 th	Go to City Council for approval
3 Weeks	Distribute RFP
June 13 th	Get RFPs back (ready to board member to review and recommend)
June 16 th	Council presented with board recommendation
July 11 th	Park Board review of RFPs
September	Public Hearing
October	Completion

4) Donation for People to People

A boy named Tyler from Lexington Trails Middle School shared his current honors through People to People program as sports ambassador and the park board unanimously agreed to help sponsor his fund-raising for a trip to Europe with a \$50.00 donation.

4) New Pool Update

Construction for the new pool site has begun. The contractor has temporary fencing up and has broken ground.

Prior months notes have been brought to the attention of the contractor to provide cost estimates on an additional shelter during the construction timeline for the pool. Following are details from prior month minutes:

We are short \$30K on the low bid of our bond amount. In order to close the gap on the bond amount, the pool commission needed to reconfigure amenities and site plans. The detached shelter initially scheduled as part of this project has been eliminated from the plan due to budget constraints. The Park Board desires to keep the detached shelter in the plans and arrange for alternative funding if at all possible. The new estimates are close to \$ 40K for this shelter. The Park Board has asked Jay Garvin to take some preliminary specifications for keeping the shelter to Vantive Engineering for a more accurate estimate. General requirements:

- Minimum of six picnic tables
- Steel structure
- Foundation extend one foot past roof line
- T&G planking on ceiling
- Roof to match pool house (hip roof)
- Site plan TBD by Vantive Engineering
- 30X40 dimensions
- Concrete walks from pool area to structure and joined with other planned sidewalk developments
- Electrical conduit included to shelter from power source

A possibility is that the shelter might be able to take advantage of the contingency line items for the pool construction if it is unused or there is a remaining balance. Other options are to seek approval from city council to pay for the amount from existing monies and request a 2006 capital plan reimbursement for all costs associated with the shelter.

MOTION: Mike Nolan to motions to take request to city to include design and construction of detached shelter house and picnic tables for currently planned pool. Barry seconded. Motion Carried.

Greg Johnson presented the final rendering for the proposed pool and highlighted many of the adjustments to the site plan and configuration of the pool structures. The city council approved the construction contracts last Tuesday and the contractor will beginning to deploy equipment and materials the week of May 9th. Greg mentioned working shelter plans into the 2006 capital plan.

Doug Pickert asked how much the slides were priced that were removed from the original plan.

Tot Slide	18,000
Family slide	28,030

Mike mentioned that the future shelter house should be located near the parking lot for convenience of transporting coolers, etc. and moving the planned playground to the south away from the parking lot for safety reasons. Greg Johnson agreed that that proposal seems acceptable and that they would be open to realignment.

Mike stated that he would like us to remain strong on moving forward.

New Business

1) Mike Nolan resigned as Park Board President

Mike will be focusing on Tree City USA and serve in an advisory capacity to whomever fill the position. Voting is planned for the next council to identify a person as a replacement.

2) American Cancer Society

Rita wants to be a luminary sponsor for relay for life. The American Cancer Society's De Soto Relay for Life. On June 3-4, 2005. The luminary sponsor is 250.00.

Doug Pickert motioned to sponsor this event. Ron Crow seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

1) Playground Equipment

Some wood chips have been placed at Miller Park around the playground equipment. This is a slow process and will continue to happen over the summer.

2) Widow Big Knife

The Kansas Biological Society identified some rare species of plant life in this area and further research is being done to finalize the overall evaluation of wildlife and plant life for this park.

3) Skate Park

Not Discussed. Notes from April:

Doug Pickert will get some skate park contractors together to start putting some cost estimates together for next months'

meeting in order to address some concerns raised by Jay Garvin, Director of Parks and Recreation, specific to skate boarders in the city limits.

4) Garden Club

Doug Dailey reported to the Park Board that Beth Burkhard has been working to establish a framework of types of possible projects to help beautify our city parks and downtown streetscape. Some focus has shifted to the gazebo and Doug will bring some preliminary pictures to the board for approval in June. Monies for improvements to Miller Park will be retained from the Shugart Fund. Other areas of interest.

1. Corner beds at Miller Park
2. Entrance areas
3. Planter boxes in downtown
4. Island between Meiners and McDonalds

5) Tree City USA

MOTION: Mike Nolan made a motion to accept payment for membership for national Arbor Day foundation for Friends of Park fund. Nancy Cook seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Mike Nolan stated that a tree inventory was going to take place on April 19th and 20th. Mike Nolan invited Park Board members interested in helping to contact him for details.

Mike Nolan gave an update on this program. Area 1 – silver maples, Siberian elm – poor (109) Area 2 – Pin Oak (78) good condition 4-5” diameter. Redbuds (43) good condition. Shared results of tree inventory.

Community Center Miller Park Sunflower Park	182	Progress Report
Area 1 Area 2	1235 750	Cost estimates Due Inventory and Kill Creek Road Project Update.

15/10 rose of Sharon + 15 for full-year membership. To be paid out of Tree City USA.

88.19 for lunch and materials. Barry motioned to pay for Tree City lunches and materials. Doug Pickert seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried. TO be paid out of TREE City USA.

Council approved 1- ½ “ trees for Kill Creek Road. They asked about 2” trees to meet commercial requirements. The costs for upgrade of that diameter would run costs up by \$2,000. Mike said that recommended nurseries stated that 1 – ½ “ trees have a better survival rate than the two inch.

Member Comments

None Recorded.

Closing of the April Meeting

Motion by Doug Pickert to close out the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ron Crow, MOTION CARRIED and meeting ended at 8:18 PM.

Consent Agenda for June

New Shelter at newly planned pool	Jay Garvin	Cost estimates Due
Tree City USA	Mike Nolan	Inventory and Kill Creek Road Project Update.
Existing Pool House Remodel	Greg Johnson	Waiting on Cost-Benefit Analysis for improve versus new restroom
Beautification of Entrances	Doug Pickert	Discussion to continue and also waiting on more detail cost estimates.
North and South on Lexington Ave.		
Banner Program Update	Nancy Cook	Progress Report
City Park Comprehensive Plan	Greg Johnson	Progress Report
Widow Big Knife	Jay Garvin	Update on Kansas Biological Society walk-through
Site Plan Discussion for Sunflower	Greg Johnson	Update
Future Park Site	Doug Pickert	On-Hold pending approval of council for Comprehensive Plan
De Soto Garden Club	Doug Dailey	Progress Report
De Soto Days	Ron Crow	Update
Parks and Recreation Projects	Jay Garvin	Progress Report