

Park Board Meeting - 08/14/06

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
Ron Crow, Park Board Member
Barry Thierer, Park Board Member
Jay Garvin, Director of Parks and Recreation
Justin Huslig, Aquatic Pool Manager
Patrick Guilfoyle, City Administrator

Not in Attendance:

Cheri Reichenberger, Park Board Member
Nancy Cook, Park Board Member

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Ron Crow motioned to approve the Park Board minutes for May. Doug Pickert seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION: Doug Pickert motioned to approve the Park Board minutes for July. Ron Crow seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report

As of July 2006, there is \$16,571.39 in the Friends of the Park fund. No report provided for an August balance.

General and Shugart Funds Report.

	April	May	June	July
General Fund				
Park Fees	77,664.12	85,947.12	88,887.12	89,157.12
Liquor Tax	25,569.40	25,569.40	28,569.46	28,569.45
Cash Balance	24,872.89	17,507.89	17,507.89	21,361.61
Total	128,106.41	129,024.41	134,964.47	139,088.18
Shugart Fund*	20,420.36	20420.36	20,659.68	20,659.68

- Interest accrued from the Shugart Fund can only be used for improvements at Miller Park.
- Revenue of \$10,000 from Kaw Sand (Cash Balance)
- Expenditure of \$6,146.28 to BWR for Park Comp Plan final payment (Cash Balance)
- Park fee reserve had \$270 revenue for July

Old Business

1) Preparation for Park Board Comp Plan Presentation to City Council

Doug Pickert will be presenting to the city council the current findings of the Park Master Plan, as well as a prioritized list for proposed capital plan outlays for De Soto Parks and Recreation. Doug will also introduce some new thought around improving the definition between Friends of the Park and the goals and objective of the Park Board moving forward.

Jay Garvin provided the park board with several versions of the current Park Board Bylaws for future discussion.

2) Friends of the Park Status

Patrick Guilfoyle agreed to check with the city attorney on the current status of this group.

3) De Soto Days

The park board agreed that current schedule did not allow for participation in the De Soto Days celebration. The board agreed to revisit planned events moving forward.

New Business

1) Discussion regarding research to assist City Staff with identifying new sources of income

This topic was not discussed at length and planned for the next meeting.

2) Pool Shelter

Current update by the city administrator stated that the CDBG grant program had a shortfall in funding to support the proposed shelter for the newly constructed pool area. The park board requested that the city continue to pursue bids for the construction of the proposed shelter. The park board is exploring options with regard to funding the project.

3) Discussion of sportsmanship class for coaches participating in De Soto city-sponsored sports leagues

Open dialogue between the park board and city staff occurred around ways to improve sportsmanship for coaches, players, and fans. Jay Garvin took the recommendations under consideration and will be investigating alternative means to encourage good sportsmanship through education and enforcement.

Member Comments

Doug Pickert made comment on the following:

Noted that the city of De Soto was not chosen for the Kansas City Wizards soccer facility.

The 95th street trail extension has begun heading south to Kill Creek park. He encourages members to drive by to see. Mentioned that a De Soto historical site is planned along Lexington and Peoria pending the approval of the site plan.

Doug Dailey requested that the city consider an open gym night at the community center for basketball. Jay Garvin was going to investigate any opportunities for this.

Closing of the July Meeting

Ron Crow made a motion to close out the meeting. The motion was seconded by Barry Thierer. The MOTION CARRIED.