

Park Board Meeting - 09/13/04

Meeting Chair: Mike Nolan, President of Park Board

In Attendance:

Ron Crow
Jay Garvin
Doug Dailey
Mike Nolan
Greg Johnson
Barry Thierer
Cheri Reichenberger
Nancy Cook

Not in Attendance:

Old Business

1) Acceptance of previous meeting minutes. Mike Nolan motioned to accept the August meeting minutes and the motion as seconded by Barry Thierer. MOTION CARRIED.

2) Treasurer's report

Barry mentioned that Friends of the Park fund collected 146.26 from dunk tank concessions during De Soto Days.

3) Tennis court Parking Lot Project

Current funds allocated for the tennis court parking lot project Park Budget is currently 12,000 dollars as part of the 2004 budget. Initial estimates for this work are showing that costs will most likely exceed this projected value due to the addition of a co-joined sub-project that addresses the poor surface on the basketball court at Miller Park. It was suggested to perform both projects in parallel to reduce the overall cost.

MOTION: Ron motioned authorization for the use of park funds for supplemental funding for Tennis Court lot improvements and basketball court overlay at Miller Park. Nancy seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

4) Community Center Usage

This item was tabled for future discussion due to current new business for the August meeting.

MOTION: Barry motioned to table this discussion and Ron seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

5) Tree City USA

Mike Nolan is working to contact the state of Kansas and coordinate efforts in the planting of trees along Kill Creek Road. Mike recommends that the Park board and City partner to cost of the labor involved in planting the trees. Tree inventory is scheduled for the 18th through the 26th of September.

6) Future Plans for Existing Pool

As time approaches for final design recommendations to be submitted by the City of De Soto to the chosen pool design firm, the Park board has been approached to submit considerations for future use of the existing city pool. Current plans are for general excavation of the pool and surrounding pool structures. City staff has requested that the park board leave the current pool house for future conversion into park restrooms.

While some preliminary discussion has occurred at prior meetings specific to this, the board is targeting November to solidify and submit a future use recommendation to the city for review.

Doug Dailey requested that we expedite our efforts specific to soliciting feedback from the community in the form of a city-wide survey. The board is looking to review some preliminary results in our next meeting in October.

MOTION: Doug Dailey motioned that a survey be developed and mailed to community for feedback. Cheri seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

7) Park Board Membership Update

Park Board can have 5 regular members and 2 alternates. Greg will go to counsel to request the addition of Doug Dailey and Doug Pickert as board members.

8) Park Board Representation at Chamber of Commerce

Barry Thierer reported back to the board regarding his presentation to the City of De Soto Chamber of Commerce. Nancy mentioned that the Chamber of Commerce has a newsletter and wants to add a City Parks section that highlights current efforts and progress for the city. This is to be planned for future discussion.

Closing of the September Meeting

Motion by Nancy Kopp to close out the meeting. The motion was seconded by Cheri. Motion carried and meeting ended at 9:00 PM.

Consent Agenda for October

Tree City USA	Mike Nolan	Inventory and Kill Creek Road Project Update
City Council Tour of existing Parks	Mike Nolan	1. Establish objectives of tour 2. Identify order of Tour 3. Develop Park Feature Statements for each park on the tour
Preliminary Review of City Park Survey	Jay Garvin	
Park Signage	Mike Nolan	
Community Center Usage	Jay Garvin	1. Jay Garvin to do cost study on cleaning and facilities use 2. Jay Garvin to review incident/event ratio and report to team 3. Jay Garvin to estimate possible hourly rate increases 4. Mike Nolan and Barry Thierer to research how other communities manage security 5. Jay Garvin to identify improvements to language for forfeiture of deposit
Editor Required for Chamber of Commerce publication	Nancy Kopp	The objective is to present a recommendation to city council. Barry Thierer has been tasked to coordinate content for this.
Johnson County Streamway Project	Greg Johnson	Greg to contact Johnson County and investigate costs and available opportunities to assist the county in the final connection to Miller Park through available Park monies.
Beautification - North and South Entrances	Doug Pickert	Perform a preliminary assessment of entrance areas and draft of improvement possibilities.
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.

Additional Comments

None.