

Park Board Meeting - 09/11/06

Meeting Chair: Park Board President Doug Pickert called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

In Attendance:

Doug Pickert, Park Board President
Doug Dailey, Park Board VP
Ron Crow, Park Board Member
Barry Thierer, Friends of Park representative
Jay Garvin, Director of Parks and Recreation
Justin Huslig, Aquatic Pool Manager

Not in Attendance:

Nancy Cook, Park Board Member

Approval of Minutes

August meeting minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report

General and Shugart Funds Report.

	April	May	June	July	August
General Fund					
Park Fees	77,664.12	85,947.12	88,887.12	89,157.12	89,157.12
Liquor Tax	25,569.40	25,569.40	28,569.46	28,569.45	28,569.45
Cash Balance	24,872.89	17,507.89	17,507.89	21,361.61	21,612.61
Total	128,106.41	129,024.41	134,964.47	139,088.18	139,339.18
Shugart Fund*	20,420.36	20420.36	20,659.68	20,659.68	20,659.68

* Interest accrued from the Shugart Fund can only be used for improvements at Miller Park.

Old Business

1) Friends of the Park (FOP) Discussion

Discussion regarding Friends of De Soto Parks Funds – Barry will contact Mike Nolan and others regarding their accumulated funds. He will try to find out what the Friends group would like to do with the monies (donate to City, hold on to until needed, etc.) and if the Friends have a formal organization.

2) Park Board Member Resignation

Barry Thierer offered his resignation from the Park Board. Doug Pickert will pass the letter on to Mayor Anderson.

3) Park Board Member Status

Discussion regarding the need to recruit new members. Doug will contact Nancy Cook to see if she is planning to stay on the Board.

4) Park Board Representation and Communication

Discussed the appropriate communication paths for the Park Board as far as getting information to the Council (via PB member, Park Director, City Manager, etc.) no formal decision was made at this time. Doug will prepare letters to be sent to the various groups that we will be trying to attend for meetings (Planning Commission, Johnson County Parks, School Board, etc.).

5) Joint Boards Session – Downtown Revitalization

Doug Pickert informed the PB that the Board has been invited to a joint meeting with the Council and Planning Commission at 5pm on October 17, 2006. This will be the Board's chance to collectively comment on the proposed plan, and in particular it's possible effects on Miller Park. Doug Pickert provided copies of an e-mail letter he has sent to Marty Shukert, the Downtown Plan consultant, on behalf of the Park Board.

New Business

1) Bulb Plantings

Discussed bulb planting project from Lana McPherson – Doug suggested he should try to talk with Lana and Jay and do some research on bulbs.

Member Comments

Sportsmanship Classes for Youth Sports

Doug Pickert recommended that the city play an active role in promoting sportsmanship in the city of De Soto youth sports for both parents and coaches. Jay Garvin agreed to research what other townships do for this and report back to the board at our next meeting.

Closing of the September Meeting

Doug Pickert made a motion to close out the meeting at 8:30 PM. The motion was seconded by Doug Dailey. The MOTION CARRIED.