

Park Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2024 – 5:00 p.m.
3rd Floor Conf. Rm - Rolla City Hall

Members Present: Ken Kwantes, Susan Wrasmann, Mike Fleishhauer, and Justin Renaud

Absent: None

Others Present: Floyd Jernigan, Stan Busch, Andrew Smith, Julie Quackenbush, and Chris Brown, Rolla citizen

1. Call to order

- Ken Kwantes called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

2. Approval of June minutes

- Mike Fleishhauer moved to approve the June 26, 2024, meeting minutes. Susan Wrasmann seconded the motion. All approved. None opposed.

3. New business

- Recreation facility fees and rates were discussed. Currently, a field reservation is \$10 for 1 ½ hours of practice, with no field prep. Group discussed possibly raising it to \$20 per hour in 2025. There was also discussion to raise the \$80 fee, for field preparation for softball/baseball games, to \$100 per field in 2025.
- We received a complaint recently regarding a pavilion reservation at BerJuan Park. One group was using the pavilion; a second group had reserved it after them. The first group using the pavilion did not leave, so the second group who had rented it was not able use it. We are not sure if the second group asked the first one to leave.
If there are people in a pavilion during a time when a group has reserved it, the group with the reservation has rights to the pavilion. They can let the first group know they have paid to reserve it and can respectfully ask them to leave. They also have the right to call the police if the pavilion is not cleared out by the time their paid reservation begins.
The reservation calendar is on our webpage and in our software. It shows all reservations. We do not currently have signage on our pavilions to show all of the rentals each day. It would require a staff member to monitor the website calendar to print the schedule for the pavilions every day, and a staff member to change out the signs at pavilions each day.
It was suggested that we put up signs on our pavilions that say, "Please call the police at 573-308-1213, if you have any problems." Justin Renaud asked if we have insurance if anything happens to people who use our facilities. Mr. Jernigan answered that we do have insurance.
- Mr. Kwantes asked if the proposed pickleball court parking lot on Southview was going to be done soon. Mr. Jernigan said yes, something should be happening in the coming weeks.

- Mr. Kwantes asked about Veterans Park Pavilion structural issues. Mr. Jernigan said a 2012 codes inspection issue with Community Development remains open. Mr. Jernigan said we have an engineering firm looking into it.
- The next big project for the ARPA Grant is a permanent bathroom in the gravel lot overlooking the soccer fields. Latest figures for this would be \$96,000. We are working with the same firm who did Buehler and Green Acres Parks prefab bathrooms. We are also going to replace all of the exercise stations and widen sections on the trail.
- Mr. Jernigan reported that we were just offered the LWCF grant, a \$500,000 and \$500,000 matching grant. This will turf a soccer field and finish Larry Wilson lights and dugouts. Larry Wilson lights could possibly happen in December. However, the ARPA grant administrator has to approve the bid packet and the projected winning bid, with Council having the ultimate approval.
- Kelly Sink, with MRPC, is writing on a possible Phase II of an LWCF grant, which would include post-tension concrete on tennis courts and a replacement light system on Kwantes Field. Mr. Butz is talking to Rolla High School. On Oct. 21, City Council will approve a resolution to apply for this grant.
- City Council hasn't yet decided on bow hunting in the city limits. Community Development will be coordinating.
- Group discussed SplashZone. Mr. Jernigan said the biggest concern, off and on for the last three years, have been the leaks. We have a company that will do sonar detection, which should give us a much better idea of where the leaks are. If we get the leaks taken care of, we should have about five more years of operations in that facility.

4. Financials/Narrative

- Mr. Jernigan asked if anyone had questions regarding the financials. He said SplashZone expenses are still there even though the pool wasn't open. We tried to keep as many people working as possible, with utilizing pool staff in other rec and cemetery programs.
- There have been a number of burials at the City Cemetery and we have sold several lots, as of late.
- Mr. Jernigan will look at numbers and will come back with price recommendations from staff for the new year.
- Next meeting should be in December. With the Christmas holiday, we will have to find an alternative date in the month to meet.

5. Adjournment

Mike Fleishhauer made a motion to adjourn. Susan Wrasmann seconded. All were in favor, with no opposition. The meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.