

Parks Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

*July 24, 2019 • 5:30 p.m.
3rd Floor Conference Room – City Hall*

Members Present: Larry Thomas, Ken Kwantes, Susan Wrasmann, Sue Arnold & Andrew Meggitt.

Others Present: Kristy Rich, Floyd Jernigan, Scout Trevor Pelc and parents, historian and genealogist Carole Goggin.

1. Call to Order
 - Ken Kwantes called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes
 - *A motion was made by Larry Thomas to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2019 meeting. Susan Wrasmann seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*
3. New Business
 - **Green Acres ballfield**

Trevor Pelc presented a proposal for his Eagle Scout project that would target improvements for the ballfield. Trevor cited his time playing there and said he wanted to help with making changes. Trevor presented 3-ring binders of his project to staff and to the commission. His plan includes a step by step approach, target dates, and projected cost estimates. The various phases of his project include adding dirt and sand to the backstop area to counter erosion and the normal effects of play; flag pole work – sanding and painting and trimming limbs nearby; painting the foul posts; trimming tree limbs along the field of play; constructing canopies over the dugouts; and building and installing dugout helmet and bat racks.

Staff and the Commission expressed their support of the project and thanked Trevor for his initiative and willingness to contribute to the betterment of the ballfield and the parks system.
 - **Coventry Park playground options**

The Commission reviewed the various bid options and agreed with staff's recommendations of the top three. Consensus was Hutchinson Recreation/Miracle Option A, with the Park Planet and Cunningham Recreation's proposals also garnering support. Board member Ken Kwantes made a motion to approve staff's ranking, with the recommendation that input from the upcoming public meeting in the Coventry Park neighborhood be the deciding factor. Sue Arnold seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - **Parkland fee usage**

Director Floyd Jernigan presented a compilation of parkland fees in lieu of parkland dedication since the passage of the original ordinance, with such

beginning in 1997. Copies of the new ordinance, approved earlier by the Parks Advisory Commission and the Council were included.

4. Financials

- Mr. Jernigan presented the financials for the past three months.

5. SCRVG Memorandum of Understanding

- Mr. Jernigan touched on key points on the extension of the agreement, with the most notable difference being that parks staff is now doing all the mowing. The Agreement was approved by Council July 15.

6. Director's update

- Mr. Jernigan touched on homeless in the parks, the recent fish kill at Ber Juan, Splash Zone attendance being impacted negatively by the lack of "swim weather," and those park projects under consideration for this coming year's budget. During this period, he noted a headstone cleaning effort of the Civil War soldiers monuments in the cemetery, introducing Carole Goggin. Goggin, a professional historian and genealogist with the State Historical Society of Missouri, will be cleaning the Civil War soldiers' markers over the coming months. She explained the process and pointed out the importance of preserving this local history.

7. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Director Floyd Jernigan prepared the minutes.