

Park Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

May 26, 2021

Splash Zone

Members Present: Larry Thomas, Susan Wrasmann, Andrew Meggitt and Mike Fleishhauer

Absent: Ken Kwantes, Sue Arnold

Others Present: Floyd Jernigan

1. Call to Order

- Andrew Meggitt called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

- Larry Thomas made a motion to approve the March 24, 2021, minutes. Mike Fleishhauer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Elections

Larry Thomas made a motion that all current officers would continue in their role for the next year. Susan Wrasmann seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Review of financials

- Mr. Jernigan referred to the April Park Financial Analysis spreadsheet. Expenses are down, although that is primarily due to a dearth of employees. Applicants are still needed for parks maintenance, lifeguards and concessions and admissions. By this time last year, staffing was close to full, unlike the present.
Rentals for pavilions and the Eugene Northern Community Hall are up compared to last year. Recreation programming fees and ballfield user fees are also up.
Prop P tax revenues continue above last year.
Major projects underway that will impact expenses include the new all-inclusive playground in progress at Ber Juan Park, the renovation of the slides at Splash Zone and a valve replacement there.

5. Narrative

- An open house in conjunction with the Public Works Department is June 24 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Eugene Northern.
- Splash Zone will open Monday, Memorial Day.
- Irrigation systems have been installed on two of the ballfields.
- Floyd attended the annual Missouri Parks and Recreation Association convention and went through three days of the aquatics track.
- Patching is wrapping up at the Pickleball and Tennis Courts that should extend the life of the courts. Additional new courts will likely be part of the discussion at the open house.

- Two S&T student groups did tombstone cleaning. The Missouri Cemetery Preservation Society of Franklin County did a tombstone repair workshop and returned 14 stones to whole status as well as helped unearth two monuments that had been buried for at least several years and possibly longer.
- Phelps County Monument repaired and replanted several stones in the cemetery. Mr. Jernigan thanked Larry Anson and his staff for their efforts in the effort.
- More than a dozen new plantings and replacement trees were done by the parks staff.
- Mr. Jernigan also commended Joshua Giesey, Troop 81, on his Eagle Scout project, placing an identifying plaque at the location of a dozen differing trees in the cemetery.

6. Commission comments

Mr. Fleischhauer asked if the parks department had received the Missouri Department of Conservation payment (reimbursement) for the TRIM Grant that paid for the tree inventory and management plan by Davey. Mr. Thomas suggested meetings going forward to start at 5 p.m. Members agreed in unison. Next meeting will be July 28 at 5 p.m.

7. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.