

Park Board Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2017

Members Present: Tim Wade, Bob Swyers, John Richeson, Rochelle Mayes, Kent Akins and Marsha Lehmann

Members Present After Roll Call:

Members Absent: Charlie Cayce, Ray Earls and Jeff Meyers

Also Present: Mayor Mike Cage, Larry Crites and Barb Lowry

Guests: Robert Bruns, Kim Langdon, Mike Fiedler, and Don Brown (all with Twin City Youth Football Assoc.), Derek Stegall and James Woods (both with the YMCA), Terri Dallas (NextStep for Life), and Tom Wells (Mt. Zion Cemetery Committee)

Visitor Remarks:

Kim Langdon (Business Director for TCYFA): asked that the league not be sent to Sunset Park. Said they have 200 participating on 10 teams and that the park is not big enough to hold the kids and parents and siblings. Said it would be a big disadvantage to parents because they would have to schedule on multiple nights. Asked if they could use Fields 6 and 7 in West City Park. John Richeson did not understand why Sunset would not work because it did 10 years ago. Kim asked if they could play on the Stage Field until it was too dark and then finish the season on Fields 6 and 7. Mayor Cage stated that a compromise should be reached. Larry Crites said that Lucas Field was off limits. Mike Fiedler (President of TCYFA) said this is the 19th season of this league and forcing them to move to Sunset Park would kill the league. He asked if it would be possible for the league to use the stage field until it was too dark and then move to Fields 6 and 7 to finish the season. *With a motion and second by John Richeson and Bob Swyers, and the unanimous approval of the Board, the TCYFA was granted permission to use Fields 6 and 7 for their entire season plus the stage field until it is too dark to safely use as long as the fields are properly policed.*

Derek Stegall (YMCA): Said that last year a bbq was held at Home Depot as a fund raiser for a Veterans' program. He asked if it could be held in West City Park. He thought it would be open to the public from 11am until 5 or 6pm, but said they would need to be there earlier to set up and cook. Proceeds from the bbq would go to help Vets in this county. *With a motion and second by Kent Akins and Marsha Lehman, and the unanimous approval of the Board it was decided that the YMCA could hold this bbq in West City Park with no fee other than a \$50 clean up deposit.*

Terri Dallas (NextStep for Life): Said that softball teams for the Special Olympics have lost their practice location and would like to practice in Festus on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:30 on two fields starting in June and running through October. *With a motion and second from Marsha Lehman and Rochelle Mayes, and the unanimous approval of the Board, this request was granted.*

Tom Wells (Mt. Zion Cemetery Committee): Asked about doing a picnic in the park and using the stage for a few musicians to play on. Was hoping to hold this Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. Asked if \$500 fee could be waved, but was told that it could not. Park Board members pointed out that the gazebo might be a better option because of its smaller size and price. Mr. Wells was going to do more research and get back in touch.

New Business:

Band Scheduling for Firecracker Extravaganza: Larry asked the Board for permission to schedule the bands from 7pm-11pm instead of the usual 6pm-10pm. Fireworks would happen at 9:45 both nights and the band would play more after them. *With a motion and second by John Richeson and Kent Akins, and the unanimous approval of the Board, this request was granted.*

Old Business:

Update from Parks Superintendent:

- Bids for the new building are due Feb. 17
- Stone buildings have been reroofed
- Park Dept is getting a new F150 supercab
- Santa House to be moved when ground freezes
- Grogan's Fish Farm will be stocking the lake before the Firecracker Extravaganza and 4 weeks after it.
- A&K got the Lucas Field maintenance contract for around \$13,000.00
- By Tuesday should have concrete for the shade structures
- Fredbird is scheduled for Firecracker Extravaganza
- Working on sound deadening panels for stage
- Working on scrim (backdrop) for stage

With a motion and second by Marsha Lehman and Rochelle Mayes and the unanimous approval of the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:12pm.