

Park Board Meeting Minutes February 23, 2017

Members Present: Tim Wade, Bob Swyers, Charles Cayce, Jeff Meyers, Ray Earls and Marsha Lehmann

Members Present After Roll Call: Rochelle Mayes

Members Absent: John Richeson, Kent Akins

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

Tim Wade called the meeting to order at 5:58 p.m.

Marsha Lehman made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 26, 2017 meeting as submitted seconded by Bob Swyers. All ayes, motion carried.

Visitor Remarks:

Mike Reed – Assistant Coach was Thanking the Board for allowing the Pole Vault competition at the park. The event was very successful, they had 38 kids participate and raised \$1900.00 which they used to purchase 3 poles, a pull-up bar machine to work on drills, and a rack for poles. They had a lot of fun and could see this becoming an event every year, if they could get help in order to set up a day or 2 beforehand.

New Business:

A. - Ball Field Application

Twin City Youth Football, Roger Reando, Radiant Life Men's League, Our Lady's, American Legion, Festus R-6, Hawks Baseball, Storm Baseball, Challenger Ball picked up ball field packets. Everything was approved and teams picked up packets.

B. Morgan O'Connor from Jefferson County Health Department

Morgan passed out a hand out for Playing Smoke-free in the parks showing the effectiveness of second hand smoke, damage to the body, and smoking rates. The impact of smoke free parks. The Health Department has colorful signs that we can get to post on the playground.

Bob Swyers made a motion to get signs from the Health Department and post on the playground and take the old no smoking signs and post at the pavilions, seconded by Marsha Lehmann, all ayes motion carries. Larry Crites asked Morgan O'Connor for 15 signs.

Old Business:

- A. Bid on the Shop we will still be shopping, the cheapest bid was \$196,200.00 that would only leave 4,000 to get utilities. The highest bid was \$388,000.00 Larry Crites asked Bob Swyers if the gas company runs gas lines up the building and Bob Swyers said they did years ago. Tim Wade asked if they would maintain the same specks and Larry Crites said they will have to cut back. Larry Crites and Mayor Mike Cage did go look at some of the building that Buchheit sells, and they would have to resubmit something to City Council.
- B. Thanks goes to Barb Lowry for making the Ball field scheduling fast and smooth.
- C. The bar-b-que competitions are scheduled for April, July and October. The High School cross country meet is scheduled for the same day as the bar b-que competition, in October. The school has always schedules for the third weekend, but changed it this year and the bar-b-que completion was already scheduled and is already being advertised. Both of them compromised.

Bob Swyers said bar b-que will be down at the bottom field, and will there be power at the beer booth. Larry Crites said there will be 36 plugs for electric. The car show will be in the middle of the field by the big stage and they will bring them onto the concrete for judging. There will be 2 hospitality tents set up for shade. The fishing derby will be set up at the Lakeside Pavilion. Friend of Festus parks will be doing the parking. The craft vendors may need to supply their own power.

Update from Parks Superintendent:

- Festus High School will be starting to practice on Lucas field A&K is working on the field and should start cutting grass next week
- Sunset Concession we waiting on Ameren for electric, and we failed inspection for the Health Department we need a more sinks, a slop sink, handwashing sink , the wall mount heater is not big enough so we had to put in a 30 gallon water heater.
- Tennis Fence Repaired
- West City Park the shade structures are finished
- Sunset Park has been seeded, fertilized and straw
- Jim Alcott has started work on the ADA ramp and a new entry door for Veterans at the Band Building
- Bid for Sound Panel for the stage
- Have ordered scrim (backdrop) for stage 13 ½' by 25' with the tourism logo

Barb Lowry said Our Lady's stopped on the way out and told her that the kids from Our Lady are very excited because they will be able to play Lacrosse this year.

Friends of Festus Parks will be doing the April and October bar-b-que but not available to the eclipse or the winter fest.

Charlie Cayce said he did not think that Mike wanted beer at the bar-b-que event. That they would be out of there by noon. Tim water said it is our festival.

Mayor Mike Cage reported that with the warm weather on the Presidents Day Holiday Monday there was so many kids at the park and the really like the tarps. Larry Crites received a complaint from a lady upset that the restrooms where not open yet. They are still winterized, it would take 2 guys 2 to 3 hours to put them back together, and it is only February. She was invited to this meeting.

Rochelle Mayes reported that the lights are not working on the basketball court at Shropshire Park. Larry Crites said he will check out tomorrow.

Bob Swyers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 seconded by Ray Earls. All ayes, motion carried.