

Park Board Meeting Minutes

May 24, 2017

Members Present: Charlie Cayce, Tim Wade, John Richeson, Bob Swyers, Ray Earls, Marsha Lehman, and Jeff Meyers

Members Present After Roll Call: Rochelle Mayes

Members Absent: Kent Akins

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

Visitors: Diana Melton (Night of Superstars)

Visitor Remarks:

Diana Melton (Night of Superstars) – requested that NoS be allowed to hold a 1 mile fun run/walk and a 5k fun run on Oct 21 at West City Park to raise money for their event supporting local special needs children. This would take place early in the morning. With a motion and second by Charlie Cayce and Ray Earls, and the unanimous approval of the Board, this request was granted.

New Business:

Butch Jones Letter: The Park Board received a letter from Butch Jones asking permission to use the ground on the SW corner of S Second and Behrin (where the community board is) to hold a Canines in The Clouds display and event as part of the Twin City Days Celebration in September. With a motion and a second by Bob Swyers and Charlie Cayce, and the unanimous approval of the Board, this request was granted with the understanding that Jones would be paying a \$50 refundable clean up to use the area.

Debbie Trudell Email: The Park Board received an email asking if the Board could donate a pavilion for the Challenger Baseball League's awards ceremony and if the Board would once again donate field usage fees for next year. With a motion and second by Ray Earls and Charlie Cayce, and the unanimous approval of the Board, these requests were granted.

Old Business:

Comments from Mayor:

- Byrd Family is releasing Sunset Park and removing all prohibitions concerning activities in the park. Legal papers are currently being drawn up.
- Some jobs in Parks Dept will be subcontracted out or manpower will be borrowed from Public Works. This will be on a case by case basis.
- Lawsuit about ball that went through net in West City Park and struck a senior citizen is ongoing. Discussion followed about a batting cage for Sunset Park that was purchased as a gift/remembrance by the family of a deceased FHS softball

player. The decision was made to not put this up. With a motion and second by Charlie Cayce and Bob Swyers, and the unanimous approval of the Board, it was decided that the net on the batting cage at West City Park would be taken down.

Update from Parks Superintendent:

- After discussion about crime and inappropriate behavior in the City's parks the Board asked that Police Chief Tim Lewis be invited to the next meeting to talk about these ongoing issues.
- Firecracker Extravaganza 2018: With a motion and second by Charlie Cayce and Ray Earls, and the unanimous approval of the Board, it was decided that the 30th Annual Firecracker Extravaganza would be held on Friday and Saturday, June 22 and 23, 2018.
- Greg Breher was to be notified that there could be a problem with the new emergency warning siren in West City Park.
- Tim Wade and Ray Earls are both at the end of their terms and are up for reappointment. Both would like to continue on the Park Board. Elections are to be held next month.
- Kent Akins made Barb aware that he had moved outside the Festus city limits so would be sending an email to officially resign. That email had not been received at the time of the meeting.

Adjournment: With a motion and second by Bob Swyers and Ray Earls, and the unanimous approval of the Board, this meeting was adjourned at 7:22pm.