



**KIRKWOOD PARK BOARD
MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2013
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER
111 S. GEYER ROAD, ROOM 202
MEETING MINUTES**

In attendance: Alan Hopefl, Tom Riggs, Steve Coates, Lisa Balbes, Carl Eklund, Rick Bagy, Kirk Hutchison

Staff: Murray Pounds, Curt Carron

Excused: John Baker, Carol Gilster

Park Board meeting convened at 7:00 p.m., chaired by Alan Hopefl.

I. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

II. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 18, 2013 PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 18, 2013 amended Park Board Meeting Minutes accepted.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) None

IV. OLD BUSINESS

a) None

V. NEW BUSINESS

a) Consideration of Request from North Kirkwood Middle School for Early Reservations for Veterans' Benefit Run April 26, 2014

Three seventh grade students, John Onken, Aiden Beasley and Quentin Stepp from North Kirkwood Middle School made a request for an early park reservation for a Veteran's Benefit Run on April 26, 2014 to the Park Board. They gave the details of the run planned for the Veteran's Benefit which included time, expected participation, setup, cleanup and cost per person.

Discussion was held by the Park Board members in attendance. The consensus of the Park Board was if the request for an early park reservation was approved it could start a precedent for many groups to request early reservations.

A motion was made by Tom Riggs to allow an early reservation for North Kirkwood Middle School for a

Veteran's Benefit Run on April 26, 2014, seconded by Rick Bagy.

Motion failed, 4 to 3.

b) Discussion of Kirkwood Park Handball Court Wall Issues

Discussion was held on what could be done to improve the looks of the handball wall. There were several suggestions. Painting, landscaping, screens and draping plant material were some of the ideas for the handball court wall. Murray Pounds said he will come back to the board with more ideas for the wall.

The project should be finished at the end of March 2014.

c) Consideration of Request from The Bladder Cancer Advocacy Group for Early Reservation for a Bladder Cancer Awareness Walk May 3, 2014

The Park Board packet includes an e-mail from a Kirkwood resident requesting an early reservation confirmation for use of the Lions and Sugar Creek pavilions on May 3, 2014 for a walk to raise awareness for their group.

Motion made by Kirk Hutchison to allow the Bladder Cancer Advocacy Group to get an early reservation for the Lions and Sugar Creek pavilions on May 3, 2014 for a walk to raise awareness for their group, seconded by Lisa Balbes.

Motion failed, 4-2.

Tom Riggs abstained

d) Maintenance Report

The Monthly Report for December 2013, for the period November 19 through December 15 is included in the packet.

Leaf Collection/Disposal
Turkey Day Run Support
Diamond #4 Lighting Project

Winter Seed Germination
Greentree Park Trail

Murray reported Curt Carron and Dave Richardson have recently been re-certified by CPSI. The CPSI certification is for those certified to be able to identify hazards on playgrounds.

e) Other Matters

None

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The grant application to the Municipal Park Grant Commission of St. Louis County for Walker Lake Phase 4 has been recommended for approval by the Commission's Advisory Committee.

A total of 800 Community Center surveys have been returned.

Kirkwood Park Central Ridge Phase 4 should be finished by the end of March.

City Council is going to assume the lead on the pedestrian/bicycle master plan.

VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.