

**KIRKWOOD PARK BOARD
MONDAY, JULY 15, 2013
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER
111 S. GEYER ROAD, ROOM 202
MEETING MINUTES**

In attendance: Alan Hopefl, Tom Riggs, Steve Coates, Carl Eklund, Rick Bagy, John Baker
Carol Gilster

Staff: Murray Pounds, Curt Carron

Excused: Lisa Balbes, Kirk Hutchison

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

I. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mike Wilhelm
1345 Cragwold,
Kirkwood, MO.

Mr. Wilhelm discussed the Russell E. Emmenegger Nature Park and Possum Woods Conservation Area Ten Year Area Management Plan. He said he has issues with this plan. He has trouble with people coming from Emmenegger onto his property. The posted park boundary signs are destroyed and thrown out. He has no intention of having a trail come through on his property. The gravel bar is in front of his property. When water is low there is no way to mark a gravel bar. He wants people to be kept on the park side of the gravel bar and not on his property.

Debbie Matush
1455 Cragwold
Kirkwood, MO.

Mrs. Matush's property borders Emmenegger to the North. People are getting bolder and bolder. She is very concerned about future plans for trails and can see some serious liability issues. People already use her driveway as an entrance and exit to the park. Some people release their dogs and she has had some dogs charge at her.

Linda Fenton
1861 Signal Hill
Kirkwood, MO.

We are opposed to the trail and somehow this plan keeps coming up. This plan has been coming up for over a decade. Instead of putting a trail through Emmenegger why don't they put the trail through Powder Valley?

Gwyn Wahlmann
1002 W Adams

Ms. Wahlmann is in total agreement with Linda Fenton. Ms. Wahlmann said she cares about Emmenegger and wants to see it preserved and is not happy with a bike trail going through Emmenegger. Ms. Wahlmann asked if it is a bike trail in the draft of the Missouri Department of Conservation Draft Management Plan for Emmenegger Nature Park. In the draft of the proposed plan it is not defined as a bike trail. She would like to see the research and apply it to having the trail on the Department of Conservation's land.

II. APPROVAL OF JUNE 17, 2013 PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 17, 2013 Amended Park Board Meeting Minutes accepted.

Rick Bagy-abstain
Carol Gilster-abstain
Tom Riggs-abstain

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Implementation Committee

There is a meeting scheduled for tomorrow, July 16, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. at the community center in room 202. The meeting will be with representatives from Horner & Shifrin to kick off the storm water related issue in the creek along Monroe Avenue in Kirkwood Park.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

a) Request for Fee Reduction for Meacham Park Homecoming

A copy of the three year breakdown for the Meacham Park Homecoming Cost/Payment History is included in the packet.

Colleen Moore, member of the New Meacham Park Homecoming Committee thanked Murray Pounds for the breakdown for the Park Board's services and staff overtime as per her request. Murray Pounds said the total cost, including labor and facility rental for this year ran \$224.75. This amount is due to the transfer of tables being eliminated and the crowd was lighter due to threatening weather which meant less trash that had to be picked up. The Park Department also was able to use one of the seasonal laborers on the Saturday evening trash pickup run which reduced the cost even further.

Ms. Moore said they would continue to track the time and labor costs for their future events, but had no issues with the charges for the 2013 event.

b) Consideration of Proposal From Horner & Shifrin, Inc. for Greentree Park Creek Stabilization Design Services

Carl Eklund made a motion to appropriate an additional \$7,700 from park fund reserves, to account 201-5101-452.75-04, Project PF1408. Steve Coates seconded the motion.

Steve Coates made an amendment to the motion to include approval of the contract for Horner & Shifrin, Inc, for Greentree Park Creek Stabilization Design Services not to exceed the amount of \$27,700,. The motion was seconded by Rick Bagy.

All approved. Motion passed.

V. NEW BUSINESS

a) **Review of Missouri Department of Conservation Draft Management Plan for Emmenegger Nature Park.**

Murray introduced Catherine McGrane, MDC Assistant Nature Center Manager and Mark Grueber, MDC Urban Forester to the Park Board members. Catherine McGrane and Mark Grueber are attending the Park Board meeting to discuss the Management Plan for Emmenegger Nature Park.

Ms. McGrane said this is the first official draft and not the final version that will be approved by Jefferson City. There will be time to have public input and the public will be notified when a meeting is going to be held to discuss the Conservation Draft Management Plan for Emmenegger Nature Park. The initial draft should be returned by Jefferson City in a couple of months. Ms. McGrane said she and Mark Grueber will be writing down comments and everyone will have a chance to express their comments.

Mr. Wilhelm said the Missouri Department of Conservation Draft Management Plan for Emmenegger Nature Park was not presented properly. He said one of the first things they should have done before a draft was sent to Jefferson City was to get the homeowner's approval. Homeowners should have been talked to first and not Jefferson City. Mr. Wilhelm said this proposed trail is in his yard and there should have been a meeting. This should be public information.

Murray Pounds said this trail has a long history behind it. Meramec River Association promoted this plan at one time.

Alan Hopefl said it was turned down in 2010. Alan said the trail idea should be scrapped.

Linda Fenton said the trail idea should not keep coming up.

Mr. Matush said he wants to be a good neighbor but feels the Park Board has lost control of the park.

Ms. McGrane said she would recommend a public meeting regarding the Missouri Department of Conservation Draft Management Plan for Emmenegger Nature Park. She would stress that the people of Kirkwood want a public meeting regarding this draft, but a public meeting is not guaranteed.

Carol Gilster asked if the Park Board had the final say concerning the plan. Murray Pounds said the Park Board has the final say.

Ms. McGrane said the people attending the meeting need to make their voices heard and write the people in Jefferson City concerning the trail issue.

Carol Gilster said she would like a definition of the play area which is mentioned in the plan. If a trail was put in it would be the Kirkwood's responsibility to keep it up and this would probably be a big expense.

Ms. McGrane said there is grant money available.

John Baker said he would like the plan procedure explained.

Ms. McGrane said she would come back to the Park Board after the paperwork comes back from Jefferson City.

Mr. Wilhelm thanked the Park Board, Alan Hopefl and Carol Gilster. Ms. McGrane thanked the Park Board

Murray Pounds said we maintain a good relationship with the Missouri Department of Conservation.

Steve Coates said there is no plan for a trail and it is just being explored.

Rick Bagy said the people at the Park Board meeting may not necessarily represent all of the people in Kirkwood. This plan might be discussed with the citizens of Kirkwood and the majority may like the plan.

Carl Eklund said the people at the Park Board meeting are private owners no matter what.

Steve Coates said maybe we could form a subcommittee.

Carol Gilster suggested the board and the Department of Conservation have some kind of a public forum with other people given the opportunity. We could perhaps use Powder Valley facilities.

Murray asked if the Board wanted to devote time on a subcommittee and bring the information back to the board.

Tom Riggs said this might be premature. He suggested we wait until the plan comes back from Jefferson City and we should not get too consumed with this issue.

b) Consideration of Bid for Replacement of Kirkwood Park Concession Stand HVAC Unit

A motion was made by Carol Gilster to accept the bid from the City's selected vendor, Air Masters to replace the fan coil in the park concession stand HVAC unit and put it in a more accessible area at a cost of \$8,490.00 and allocate this amount from reserves. Motion seconded by Carl Eklund.

All approved. Motion passed.

c) Maintenance Report

Curt Carron's Monthly Maintenance Report for July, 2013, for period June 18 through July 14 was included in the Park Board packet.

Information was included on:

Swim Meet Bullpen	Storm Damage June 17 th
Concrete and Asphalt Work	Sugarberry Tree History
Dirtburners Big Summer Race on Tap	July 4 Freedom Festival

There were no questions regarding the monthly report.

d) Other Matters

Alan Hopefl mentioned that Operation Clean Stream will be held on August 24, 2013. This is a statewide effort. There is more trash this year due to the floods. There will be free hot dogs. Alan said this event is a lot of fun.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Murray reported plans for the Greentree Festival are coming together.
- The Emergency Communications Tower committee is looking at other places than Kirkwood Park to place the emergency communications tower that was proposed at one time.
- Curt Carron and Jason Valvero did a great job with the July 4th fireworks.
- Parks and Recreation Sales Tax Fund capital plan development has been submitted
- Municipal Park Grant Commission grant applications will be coming out soon and due at the end of October. Discussion will need to be held as to what, if any, project should be submitted.
- Murray is still waiting for a proposal from Trailnet for conducting the Pedestrian/Biking plan update.

Murray told the Board they had no issues with the run held on June 22nd. The parking was tight, but everyone left on time and it was manageable.

VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Steve Coates said the fireworks on the 4th of July were fantastic.

Carl Eklund passed around a picture of the water marker at Emmenegger and said it was hard to believe that the picture was taken a little more than a week ago.

Carol Gilster said Walker Lake is beautiful and she appreciates the even path.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.