



**KIRKWOOD PARK BOARD
MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2013
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER
111 S. GEYER ROAD, ROOM 202
MEETING MINUTES**

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

Staff: Murray Pounds, Curt Carron

Excused: Lisa Balbes

Park Board meeting convened at 7:05 p.m., chaired by Alan Hopefl.

I. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

II. APPROVAL OF JULY 15, 2013 PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 15, 2013 amended Park Board Meeting Minutes accepted.

Kirk Hutchison-abstain

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Implementation Committee

There is an Implementation meeting scheduled for next Thursday, August 29, 2013 at 8:00 a.m.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

a) None

V. NEW BUSINESS

a) Consideration of Projects for submission For Municipal Park Grant Commission of St. Louis County Grant

Since applications for the Municipal Park Grant Commission of St. Louis County grant program will need to be submitted near the end of October Murray wanted the Board to determine whether or not to submit a grant application since he would also have to get approval from City Council.

Murray said we would receive a low score in the grant process because of funding received in the past through the program. The score is an important factor in determining which cities get funded. It might be

better to wait until next year and possibly receive a larger award, as limits on grant awards are expected to be raised.

Murray said he does not see any strong projects. It won't hurt our situation if we don't apply.

Murray told the Board they could bring a potential list of projects for the grant to the next Park Board meeting in September. The deadline is October 25 for the application. We would have to get approval by the City Council before we would submit the application.

Some of the possible projects mentioned were playground resurfacing, playground equipment replacement at Meacham Park, bike trails, and prairie wetlands or the Walker Lake Phase 4 project.

Steve Coates asked if we table this discussion until the September meeting would it be too late to submit an application.

Murray said depending on the project it would not be too late if we decide to submit an application at the next Park Board meeting.

Motion was made by John Baker to table the discussion of projects that could we could possibly submit to the Municipal Park Grant Commission until the September Park Board meeting and Tom Riggs seconded the motion.

All approved. Motion passed.

b) Review of Kirkwood Park Diamond #4 Lighting Project

The lights on Diamond 4 are over 30 years old. They need to be replaced to improve playing conditions on the field as they do not meet current standards for light levels required for softball. These shortcomings are due to poles that are too short and light fixtures that do not provide the necessary light output. The lights we have now are inefficient in terms of energy use and the light spill from the present system impacts park neighbors.

This project involves replacing the ball field lights on Diamond 4, the field west of the concession stand. The project calls for placement of two lights on the back side of the third base light poles, with the lights pointing towards the amphitheater. This would be to provide some lighting of the area between the ball field and the amphitheater during special events. There is about 12-15 special events per year. A copy of the illumination study is included in the Park Board packet.

The proposed system would replace the existing 8 pole layout with twenty eight (28) 1,000 watt fixtures with a six pole layout, incorporating twenty four (24) 1,500 watt fixtures. The new system will offer the following advantages:

- Energy saving of up to 50% over the existing system
- 50% less light spill compared to the existing system
- 25 year warranty including bulb replacement
- Guaranteed performance of 50 foot candle infield and 30 foot candle outfield light output (current light levels are estimated to be 30 foot candle infield and 20 foot candle outfield)
- Control Link system allowing for remote monitoring and control of the light system.

Lights will not be installed until after the ball season is over in November.

The Park Board had questions concerning the brightness of the lights and the value and if the new lighting would affect any neighbors of the Park.

Murray said he would investigate using lower wattage lamps and other options.

Murray said this was not an issue that the Park Board would not be required to make a motion and he appreciated the Park Board members' comments.

c) Maintenance Report

Curt Carron's Monthly Maintenance Report for August 2013, for period July 16 through August 18 was included in the Park Board packet.

Information was included on:

KPAC ADOPT-A-PARK
SBD CREW CHANGING
RIDGE PHASE 4 PREPARATIONS
DEADWOODING/TREE REMOVALS
CONCESSION STAND HVAC

FIREMANS PARK EAGLE PROJECT
400 S. FILLMORE LOT
PARK RANGER VEHICLE
RECYCLING IN PARKS
FENCING AT KOESTERING PARKING LOT

d) Other Matters

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Murray reported the Parks & Recreation Dept. is very busy with the Greentree Festival. The Party in the Park is on September 7 and this is a free family event. We will have a band, the Bubble Bus and food trucks. This will run from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- The Trailnet Pedestrian/Biking plan update is on hold until Trailnet produces a scope of work. Murray hopes to hear from them next month.
- The Downtown Kirkwood fireworks display will be on Saturday, December 28. Entertainment at Station Plaza begins at 5 p.m. Fireworks display will start at 6:30 p.m. from Kirkwood City Hall. In case of bad weather the ice date will be December 29.
- Walker Lake Phase 3 construction project is now completed. The asphalt path around the lake replaced with a new concrete one that is ADA compliant. Lights were added to the pathway. A paver area was added to the Walker Lake peninsula. The turtles are back on the lake.
- Central Ridge Phase 4 project is set to begin this month. Tennis Court 9 is being resurfaced with Premier Court surfacing material. The remainder of the project will begin after the Greentree Festival. This phase will include a new building for the tennis staff, construction of two outdoor handball courts, and improvements to the sidewalks and bleacher areas around the courts. Construction is expected to continue into the spring. There will be restrictions on access to the tennis courts and parking lot.

VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Alan Hopefl and John Baker are both involved in Operation Clean Stream and said

this event is interesting for children.

Carl Eklund said he thinks the KPAC Adopt-A-Park is a great program.

The Downtown plant area looks very good.

Tom Riggs said thanks for placing recycling containers in the parks.

John Baker said the Fillmore lot looks good after the brush clearing.

Carol Gilster wanted to know if we had any information about the Lending Library in the Park.

The next board meeting will be on September 23, 2013.

The October Park Board meeting will be held on October 28, 2013.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.