



**KIRKWOOD PARK BOARD
MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2013
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER
111 S. GEYER ROAD, ROOM 202
MEETING MINUTES**

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

Staff: Murray Pounds, Curt Carron

Excused: Rick Bagy, John Baker

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

I. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

II. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2013 PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 23, 2013 Park Board Meeting Minutes accepted.

Tom Riggs-Abstain

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Implementation Committee

The Committee has not met. A report on the status of Central Ridge Phase 4 was given. The project at the tennis courts is moving forward. This past week sidewalk work across much of the south end of the project area was completed, and block work on the new tennis building started. Sewer and water line installation has been completed through most of the site. This coming week, the first pour for the handball walls is expected to be completed.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

a) Consideration of Application for Municipal Park Grant Commission Planning Grant

Murray Pounds said the Municipal Park Grant Commission has issued a call for planning grant applications. This is an earlier date than normal, as the Commission is responding to requests to allow for more time between when planning grants are awarded and when the results may be used as part of a grant submission for the regular grant program. Last year we discussed the possibility of applying for a planning grant for Fillmore Park. Murray thought the Board might want to consider that again this year.

A motion was made by Lisa Balbes to have Murray Pounds apply for a Municipal Park Grant Planning Grant for Fillmore Park and seconded by Kirk Hutchison.

All approved. Motion passed.

b) Walking/Hiking Trail Plan

Murray Pounds reported he had received a proposed scope of work for the walking/biking trail plan that Trailnet is scheduled to do for us. A copy of the scope is included in the packet. Murray said he thought it would be appropriate to have the Trail Committee review the scope before considering it as a full board. This would allow us to have the City Engineer, Todd Rehg involved in the review process.

Murray said he will set up a Trail Committee meeting next week.

c) Maintenance Report

Curt Carron's Monthly Maintenance Report for October 2013, period September 23 through October 27, 2013 is included in the packet.

Construction Progress	Fall Grounds Restoration	Emmenegger Bridge Destroyed
Greentree Park Nature Trail	Supporting Roles	

Alan Hopefl asked if it was our responsibility to fix the bridge at Emmenegger Park. Curt said the bridge at Emmenegger Park is Kirkwood City's responsibility.

Carl Eklund said he was glad to see another trail in Greentree Park. Curt said the park crew was cleaning up the trail and it should be available for use by the end of next week, weather permitting. A sign on the parking lot will direct users in and a laminated map will be posted.

d) Other Matters

None

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The first half of the fiscal year report is included in the Park Board packet. Murray said everything is in order and the Park Fund is in good shape.

A grant request for \$300,000 to assist with the construction of the Walker Lake Phase 4 was submitted to the Municipal Park Grant Commission of St. Louis County last week. There were 22 grant applications submitted. The grant requests total just over \$4.3 million and \$3 million is available for the upcoming round. The grants should be awarded by the middle of December. The Missouri Department of Conservation has indicated a willingness to contribute \$20,000 to the project, \$5,000 for planning purposes and \$15,000 for the actual construction. Murray indicated there is a good chance for a grant.

The Community Center Surveys should be out now and returned surveys should start to come in soon.

The Missouri Department of Conservation is very interested in the prairie/wetlands project at Greentree Park and may be able to contribute to planning and construction.

VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Alan Hopefl reminded board members of the Honeysuckle removal at Emmenegger, Saturday, November 9, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Steve Coates discussed the meeting with Mike Wilhelm. Murray Pounds, Steve Coates and Alan Hopefl met with Mr. Wilhelm to discuss his issues and concerns about people trespassing on his property. It was a cordial meeting. Alan

Hopefl, Steve Coates, and Murray Pounds walked Mr. Wilhelm's property down to the river. It is Mr. Wilhelm's desire to curb trespassing emanating from park property.

Alan Hopefl said the pump house on Mr. Wilhelm's property is unstable. There are concerns with liability issues and vandalism regarding this and other structures on the property.

One of the questions raised is what the law allows people to do in the river, if it is navigable. Each state interprets the river laws differently.

During the meeting Mr. Wilhelm said pedestrians trespass on his land and this brings up security issues. He would like to have some kind of a marker or fence showing where park property ends and where his private property begins. Mr. Wilhelm said he would appreciate whatever we can do for him. He said the signs he has placed on his property are getting removed or destroyed.

Alan Hopefl said the signs should be non-threatening and perhaps could read park property ends here and private property is ahead.

Murray Pounds said aerial views showing the boundary of the parks could be provided for the Board to review.

Murray said he will put this on as an action item on the agenda for the next meeting.

Carol Gilster said to prevent vandalism and destruction maybe the signs could be more permanent such as stone or something like a street sign.

Lisa Balbes reported the Eagle Scout candidate that proposed a flagpole and lighting for Quinette Cemetery is now over the age limit and will not be doing the project.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.