



**KIRKWOOD PARK BOARD
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 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, John Baker, Carol Gilster

Staff: Murray Pounds

Excused: Rick Bagy

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

I. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

II. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 28, 2013 PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 28, 2013 amended Park Board Meeting Minutes accepted.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Trail Committee

A copy of the committee report is included in the packet. The recommendation from the committee regarding the future of the pedestrian and biking master plan is listed as an action item under old business.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

a) Consideration of Proposed Scope of Work From Trailnet for Walking/Biking Master Plan

Alan Hopefl reported the Trail Committee reviewed the proposed scope of work for this plan, along with City Engineer, Todd Rehg. Consensus was reached that this planning effort is more appropriate for general government, with strong support and involvement of the Park Board, especially where the planning effort would touch the park system directly.

The committee approved making a recommendation to the full Park Board that the Board recommend that City Council take the lead on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, and request a cost sharing arrangement be developed and that Park Board representation be included on the various committees.

Eighty per cent of the proposed \$82,676 will be paid by a federal grant. The Park and City Government would split the remainder of the cost which will be \$16,535.00. If the Park and City Government split the remainder of the cost evenly it would be \$8,267.00 for the Kirkwood Park and the same for the City of Kirkwood.

One of the initiatives in the City's current strategic plan is to improve on pedestrian and biking opportunities throughout the City. Murray Pounds and Todd Rehg are responsible for moving that process forward.

John Baker made the motion to approach the City with the trail committee recommendation for taking the lead on this project and proposing a 50/ 50 split with the park share being funded from the ½ cent parks and recreation sales tax fund.

John Baker then amended the motion to approach the City about the trail committee recommendation and proposing a 50/50 split of the costs with the City, with the park share coming out of the Park Fund. Tom Riggs seconded the motion.

All approved. Motion passed.

V. NEW BUSINESS

a) Consideration of Request for Boundary Delineation for Emmenegger and Greentree Parks.

A discussion was held concerning an approach to dealing with the request from Mike Wilhelm to mark the boundaries of Emmenegger and Greentree Parks along the river. Murray Pounds had some slides of aerial map displays and pictures taken in the park that would allow the Board members to better visualize and understand the conditions.

Murray said he had a discussion with Major Roam, who is head of the Water Patrol Division of the Missouri Highway Patrol. Major Roam indicated that people are free to use the river and river bank below the normal high water mark in the same manner they would use a road or street. Alan Hopefl proposed there should be signage that says "Park Property Ends Here" and "Private Property Starts Here" above the normal high water mark. John Baker said we might put signs close to the south side of the creek in Greentree Park.

Discussions were held with some of the neighbors of the park in attendance regarding their concerns about trespassers reaching their property.

Steve Coates suggested posting a sign that said "No Park Outlet" or "No Outlet" from Park at the extension of the neighbor's property line would prevent people from trespassing. The neighbors in attendance thought this was a good strategy. Some other suggestions were "No Park Outlet Beyond this Point," "No Exit from the Park in this Direction." The signs could be start near the normal high water marker and continue up the hill.

A motion was made by Steve Coates to install signs, with the locations at the discretion of the staff, stating "No Park Outlet Beyond This Point" along the extension of the park boundary at Emmenegger and signage at the northern boundary of Emmenegger and southern boundary of Greentree Park stating "Park Property Ends Here." The locations would be at the staff's discretion. Carl Eklund seconded the motion.

All approved. Motion passed.

b) Maintenance Report

Curt Carron's Monthly Maintenance Report for November 2013, October 28 through November 17, 2013 is included in the packet.

Construction Progress

Fall Grounds Work

CPSI Re-Certification

There were no questions or comments.

c) Other Matters

None

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The grant request submitted to the Municipal Park Grant Commission of St. Louis County for Walker Lake Phase 4 will be scored on Wednesday, November 20. Murray Pounds reported the project is likely to be funded.

The Community Center Surveys have gone out and returns have started coming back. Over eight hundred responses had been returned as of Friday, November 15, an excellent return rate.

The Central Ridge Phase 4 project is moving along rapidly. The roof on the tennis shop should be finished this week. The project could be finished by January, 2014, except for the parking lot and sodding.

A Request for Qualifications process for the Fillmore Park Planning was sent out to six firms. Responses are due back on Wednesday.

Murray Pounds reported that in response to concerns regarding dogs off leash in Emmenegger Park some specific actions are being taken. Signs announcing the enforcement of leash laws will be posted and additional enforcement efforts will be taken.

VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Carol Gilster said the neighbors across from Kirkwood Park are very unhappy with the height of the handball courts and is there something we can do to make the wall look nicer. Carol said maybe planting some tall evergreens or a mural painted on the wall itself. The wall is 20' high and Carol said she didn't realize how high the wall would actually be.

Lisa Balbes said the Fireman's Park trail project is finished with two new bridges and two benches. Lisa thanked the board for allowing the Boy Scouts to camp overnight at Fireman's Park.

Alan Hopefl said they had 20 people on November 9th helping with honeysuckle removal.

Carol Gilster said that the Yelp website indicates that Kirkwood Park and Emmenegger Park are off leash dog parks. Carol posted information on the Yelp website indicating that this is not accurate information.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

