



**KIRKWOOD PARK BOARD
MONDAY, JULY 20, 2015
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER
111 S. GEYER ROAD, ROOM 202
MEETING MINUTES**

In attendance: Rick Bagy, Tom Riggs, Kate LeGrand, David Hufford, Scott Stream, Wallace Ward, Kara Wurtz

Excused: Steve Coates, Kirk Hutchinson

Staff: Murray Pounds, Pete Laufersweiler

Park Board meeting convened at 7:05 p.m., chaired by Rick Bagy

I. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Gwyn Wahlmann, 1002 West Adams. Gwyn discussed the Operation Clean Stream event. This volunteer event will take place on August 22 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Gwyn invited Park Board members to participate in this event and to recruit school groups, scouts, family member and co-workers. Afterwards volunteers are invited to OCS event headquarters at Greentree Park for a free hotdog picnic and nature education booths.

II. APPROVAL OF MAY 18, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

Motion made by Wallace Ward to approve the June 15, 2015 Park Board Minutes, seconded by Scott Stream.

Motion approved unanimously.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Emmenegger Nature Park User Policy Committee

The Emmenegger Nature Park User Policy Committee report was included in the Park Board packet. Wallace Ward went over the report with the Park Board. A discussion at the committee meeting was held on development of the proposed survey instrument for Emmenegger Park. Wallace said it would be beneficial to purchase a couple of tablets for taking the surveys. They could be used for different programs and cost about \$70.00 each. Wallace said exit interviews conducted at the trailhead would be an effective way of gathering information.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

a) Monroe Creek Project

Murray did a presentation of the Monroe creek area project. The pipe and bio stabilization options were discussed.

The packet included cost breakdowns for the proposed Monroe Creek project, including the cost for enclosing the creek in a pipe to the point where it reaches the low water crossing and another for bio-stabilization of the creek bed. The bio stabilization conceptual cost estimate is \$37,000.00. The pipe enclosure option is \$113,000.00. The bio stabilization is the preferred methodology of the regulatory agencies that will be issuing permits for this work.

Tom Riggs made the motion to proceed with issuing bids for the bio stabilization of the creek area as per plan. Scott Stream seconded the motion.

Motion approved unanimously.

b) Park Ordinance Review

Murray has developed a list of ordinances that need to be changed. The board will need some time to review the ordinances. After some discussion it was decided to have a regular board meeting and then a workshop at the end of the scheduled board meeting to work on the ordinances. There will be a deadline of 9:30 p.m. for the workshops so several workshops may have to be scheduled. Proposed changes to the Park Ordinances will have to be brought before the City Council for approval.

V. NEW BUSINESS

a) Nipher Middle School Request for Emmenegger Park

The packet includes copies of an e-mail sent to Murray by Leslie Johnson, Nipher Middle School Counselor requesting permission to engage in a variety of activities intended to stimulate student interest in the natural environment on September 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18, 2015 from 8:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., to be held at Emmenegger Park.

The activities will include a climbing tree, archery lessons, a hiking experience, a shelter-building experience and a “scat and track” education activity. Pete Laufersweiler shared his experience with a similar climbing tree event held in Forest Park. He discussed with the board about how this event should be well supervised and how important it is finding the proper tree.

Wallace Ward made a motion to approve the request from Nipher Middle School and seconded by Tom Riggs.

Motion approved unanimously.

b) Greentree Park Prairie Demonstration Project Bid Recommendation

Bids for the project were received on Thursday, July 9th. A copy of the bid tabulation is included in the packet.

Ideal Landscape is the low bidder at \$328,368.00 for the base bid. Ideal has completed two previous projects on Walker Lake and they are regarded as a good contractor. Ideal offered some voluntary deduct alternates which were recommended by staff for acceptance.

Motion made by Scott Stream to recommend to Kirkwood City Council the bid of Ideal Landscape for the Greentree Park Prairie Demonstration Project as proposed by staff, at a total cost of \$336,499. Wallace Ward seconded the motion.

Motion approved unanimously.

c) Municipal Park Grant Committee of St. Louis county Grant Application

The Fillmore Park project is scheduled in last year’s 5 year capital plan for completion in Fiscal Year 2017-18. Murray said one of his principal considerations will be whether or not to advance the Fillmore Park project to the upcoming fiscal year, instead of waiting one additional year as shown in the plan. If the Board agrees with moving the project up a year, a grant application will be prepared for consideration in this year’s round by the Municipal Park Grant Commission of St. Louis County. Murray

said he expects a Municipal grant will cover much of the costs associated with developing this new park project. Submission of the grant application must also be approved the City Council.

Scott Stream made a motion to advance the Fillmore Park project to the upcoming fiscal year, instead of waiting one additional year as currently shown in the capital plan. Tom Riggs seconded the motion.

Motion approved unanimously.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS REPORT

The Maintenance Report for period June 14 through July 17 is included in the packet. Peter Laufersweiler went over the report with the Park Board. Pete said we did lose a few trees due to the flooding along the Meramec River.

d) Other Matters

Wallace Ward discussed the flooding at Greentree Park. The JFL field suffered heavy damage from being under water for so long and we are currently working on restoration efforts before the football season starts. Wallace asked if JFL could cover some of the ongoing maintenance costs. Murray said JFL does a lot of work. They paid for ½ of the light cost. Murray said he will talk to JFL about some of the maintenance costs.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Walker Lake is completed. Many positive comments have been received. Murray said the final payment is being approved at which point we can apply for grant reimbursement funds.
- The community center feasibility study is moving forward. The current focus is on the theater proposed for a location in downtown Kirkwood.
- The new Recreation Superintendent, Kyle Henke started June 15.
- The new Volunteer Coordinator is Kylie Christanell. She will be scheduled to work 15 hours per week. Kylie has a great deal of experience in developing and running volunteer programs.
- Murray had talked with some of the neighborhood residents that use Montfort Park for social events about music and time the park closes in the evening. They follow all the park rules And since the discussion no problems have been reported.
- The weather for the Freedom Festival was perfect and there was a good crowd. Thanks are due the Park crew for their great job.
- Final bills for the restroom rehabilitation should be received shortly. At this point the insurance reimbursement is in line with the costs.

VIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORT

Rick Bagy welcomed David Hufford to the Park Board. Murray reminded the Park Board members to look at the Park Ordinances. Everyone is invited to attend Operation Clean Stream on August 22, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Scott Stream to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p. m. and seconded by Wallace Ward.

All approved unanimously.

The next scheduled meeting of the Kirkwood Park Board is August 17, 2015.