

**KIRKWOOD PARK BOARD  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2015  
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER, 111 S. GEYER ROAD, ROOM 202  
MEETING MINUTES**

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

Staff: Murray Pounds, Curt Carron

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

**I. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Alan Hopefl, 12 Orchard Way

Alan wanted to know what the objective of the Emmenegger Nature Park Survey. Alan said there doesn't seem to be an objective. He also asked if the people doing the survey would be paid volunteers or unpaid volunteers. The survey will take about 150 hours and the board might want to rethink volunteers.

Gwyn Wahlmann, 1002 West Adams

Gwyn had a statement she read to the Park Board. Gwyn said Suzie Sutton, original founder and director of Missouri Wildlife Rescue Center, dog lover with 3 dogs of her own, said dogs have no place on nature trails. Gwyn said she offered suggestions to the Emmenegger Policy Committee for ways to at least limit dog walking to Kirkwood residents, and/or registration and permits, so dog walking could be reduced, and accountable rather than anonymous.

John Moriarity, 641 West Adams

John said he had a letter he had sent in to the Webster Kirkwood Times published regarding walking trails in Kirkwood Park. John would like to see a mulch path in the area behind and below ball diamond #6 around the Scout Shelter, behind the amphitheater, along Rifle Range and the creek by the water towers. He wanted to know if the Park Board had had looked into his ideas regarding a walking path in Kirkwood Park. John said Kirkwood could try the walking path and if it doesn't work it could be undone.

**II. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 17, 2015 MEETING MINUTES**

Motion made by Scott Stream to approve the August 17, 2015 Park Board Minutes, seconded by Kirk Hutchison.

Motion approved.

Steve Coates abstained.

**III. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a) Emmenegger Nature Park User Policy Committee**

The Emmenegger Nature Park User Policy Committee met on August 27, 2015, 9:00 a.m. at the Kirkwood Community Center. A copy of the committee report is included in the Park Board packet, along with a copy of the proposed Emmenegger Nature Park Visitor Survey.

Wallace Ward said it was a productive meeting.

Discussion followed on goals of the survey and volunteers, paid and unpaid.

Murray Pounds said he will get more information and plan how we can accomplish the survey. He will gather this information and present it at the October meeting. This will be tabled until the October meeting.

#### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

##### **a) Grant's Trail Parking Lot Repairs**

The insurance company's offer is for \$12,030. Our original request for restitution was \$12,615. The insurance company reduced the settlement from actual costs by an amount representing depreciation of the assets that were involved. The cost for replacing the sign and the light pole is \$11,886. This will leave us \$144 to purchase replacement trees.

Wallace Ward asked Murray if he had consulted with the City Attorney, John Hessel. Murray said he will ask John Hessel if there is anything he can do to get the full amount requested for restitution from the insurance company. Murray reported he had discussed the situation with the City's safety Manager who handles insurance claims who feels this is a legitimate response by the insurance company.

#### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **a) Monroe Creek Project Consultant Contract Approval**

Tom Riggs made a motion to authorize entering into a contract with Horner & Schifrin for construction documents for the Monroe Creek project and provide bidding services for a not to exceed amount of \$7011 to be charged to account 201-5101-452-7503, project PF1601 barring no conflict with MSD and seconded by Scott Stream.

All approved.

Motion approved unanimously.

##### **b) Buildings and Grounds Account Appropriations**

There has been a great deal of activity related to the Legacy program. Current donations have reached \$8,600 or double the revenue budget for this year, and the projection for the year is \$9,800.

The major reason for the increase is a high level of interest in donating benches. Donations have been received for four benches, for a total donation amount of \$6,000. In turn the benches themselves are fairly expensive to buy, coming in at about \$1,000 apiece. Murray asked that the revenue budget in account 201-0000-365-2000 be increased to \$8,600 and the account, through which benches are purchased, 201-5101-452-6115, be increased by \$4,000.

Scott Stream made a motion to increase the revenue budget account, 201-0000-365-2000 to \$8,600 and that the account through which the benches are purchased, 201-5101-452-6115 is increased by \$4,000, seconded by David Hufford.

All approved.

Motion approved unanimously.

**c) Authorization for Increase in Truck Acquisition Cost and Contract**

In March the Board approved the purchase of a Ford F-450 one ton dump bed. Murray informed the Board there was a discrepancy between the state bid and what was thought was being ordered. In order to have the truck properly equipped for its various missions it needs to have a true dump bed. The specification called only for a standard bed. The upcharge for this change is \$2875. There is adequate funding in the project to cover this addition, so this is only to inform the Board that the cost is higher than originally authorized.

**d) December Meeting Date Change**

Wallace Ward made a motion to change the December 21<sup>st</sup> Park Board meeting to December 14, 2015 and seconded by Kirk Hutchison.

All approved

Motion approved unanimously

**e) Other Matters**

None

**VI. SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS REPORT**

The Maintenance Report for period August 17 through September 27 is included in the packet.

Curt said his staff did an excellent for the Greentree Festival.

Curt said the assistance afforded us by Team Barthelmass should not go without notice. Our Park Rangers, Ron Hall, Senior Ranger, Dan Novak, Tracey Lohse, Bill Ellis, Zach Bernard, Tim Lipham, Tim Dunsford worked diligently sometimes standing in place for hours without a break. Their participation, while mostly in the background is nothing short of amazing, and is every bit as important to the logistical effort as any other parts of the puzzle.

Curt said the Heartland Remembers Flag Event was attended by several hundred persons and a march behind bagpipes concluded the ceremony. It was a beautiful scene, while in memoriam of such a tragic day.

**VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- The feasibility study for the community center continues to move forward.
- Murray said the staff did an excellent great job at Greentree.
- Murray said the 9/11 Flag Display was a positive experience. The sponsoring organization gave us 40 flags and the plan is to line the bridge next year on September 11.
- Murray said he would like for a Park Board member to be an ad hoc member of the Public Art Subcommittee and if anyone is interested to let him know.
- The Financial statement for the Park Fund for the last fiscal year was handed out to members of the Park Board. Murray went over the statement and answered questions.
- The social gatherings at Monfort Park have gone well and there have been no problems. The final event for the year is set for October 30th. Permission has been granted for the event to last past sunset, which would normally be the park's closing time.

Rick Bagy said he would like to have a Trail Committee formed to look into John Morality's ideas for a mulch trail in Kirkwood Park. Steve Coates said he will be on the committee and will be the leader. Tom Riggs and David Hufford said they will also be on the Trail Committee.

#### **IX. PARK ORDINANCE REVIEW**

The Board then went through the Park Ordinances and picked up where they left off at the August meeting.

Murray made notations of the changes. At the next Park Board meeting he will have a list of specific changes and they can be reviewed.

#### **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Tom Riggs to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p. m. and seconded by Scott Stream.

All approved unanimously.

The next scheduled meeting of the Kirkwood Park Board is October 19, 2015.