



**KIRKWOOD PARK BOARD
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2015
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER
111 S. GEYER ROAD, ROOM 202
MEETING MINUTES**

In attendance: Scott Stream, David Hufford, Kirk Hutchison, Kate LeGrand, Kara Wurtz, Steve Coates

Excused: Rick Bagy, Tom Riggs, Wallace Ward

Staff: Murray Pounds, Curt Carron

Park Board meeting convened at 7:05 p.m., chaired by Scott Stream

I. CITIZEN COMMENTS

John Moriarity, 641 West Adams

John thanked the Trail Committee, Murray Pounds and Steve Coates for looking into the Kirkwood Park areas he previously discussed with the Park Board regarding trails. John was in attendance as a guest at the Kirkwood Park Board Trail Committee on October 9, 2015 and discussed his vision of possible trails in Kirkwood Park.

Gwyn Wahlmann, 1002 West Adams

Gwyn reported there was some dogs' off-leash on Sunday at Emmenegger Park.

II. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

Motion made by Kirk Hutchison to approve the September 28, 2015 Park Board minutes, seconded by David Hufford.

All approved. Motion approved unanimously.

III. INTRODUCTION OF VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Murray introduced Kylie Christanell, Kirkwood Park Volunteer Coordinator, to the Park Board members in attendance.

Kylie talked to the Park Board members about her nine years' volunteer background experience. Kylie discussed what she is doing with the volunteers in Kirkwood and how she keeps track on a daily basis of what volunteers do, their interests, and needs. She discussed the Adopt a Park Program. She reported she has five new volunteers.

Kylie told the board there will be a Volunteer luncheon on November 17, 2015 at the Trail Station from 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Emmenegger Nature Park User Policy Committee

Discussion was held on how to administer the survey for Emmenegger Nature Park User.

Murray said there will be 144 sessions and the paid or unpaid survey takers will be at the park three times a week. Murray said it may be possible to use seasonal people since their jobs will end at the end of October. He also discussed the possibility of using retirees. The cost could range from \$5,000 to \$11,000 maximum, depending on what personnel administers the survey. For safety purposes it would be best to have two people doing the survey.

Motion made by David Hufford to suspend the meeting and seconded by Kirk Hutchison at 7:22 p.m. to let Gwyn Wahlmann speak. All approved. Motion approved unanimously.

Gwyn said Alan Hopefl had questioned the objective of Emmenegger Nature Park survey at a previous meeting. Gwyn said she is not sure of the objective.

David Hufford asked how big the problem is at Emmenegger and should we go down this path or leave it alone.

Murray Pounds said the survey would let us know how many people with dogs use Emmenegger and what the impact is on users.

Steve Coates said the survey could tell us where the users of Emmenegger were coming from and if they realize this is a Kirkwood Park or if they think it is a St. Louis County Park.

Scott Stream said that Wallace Ward is the key and at the next meeting we would try to clarify the objectives and thoughts for the survey.

Murray said he might be able to find out who we can use for the survey and report at the next monthly Park Board meeting.

Motion made by Steve Coates, seconded by Kirk Hutchison to resume the Park Board meeting according to Robert's Rules at 7:30 p.m. All approved. Motion approved unanimously.

b) Trail Committee

Steve Coates, Tom Riggs, Dave Hufford, Curt Carron, Murray Pounds and guest John Moriarity met last Friday, October 9, 2015 at the Park Maintenance Building, 614 W. Adams.

The purpose of the committee was discussed. It was agreed that initially the committee would examine opportunities to develop casual trails in Kirkwood Park. The trails shown in Kirkwood Park in the 2005 Parks and Recreation Master Plan were reviewed. It was agreed that putting the trails proposed in that plan were good suggestions and would give some direction to the current effort.

John Moriarity discussed his vision of possible trails in Kirkwood Park. Included were the concept of a perimeter trail and use of materials such as wood chips.

Steve Coates made a presentation showing the potential routes to the Park Board members in attendance, including the sidewalk along Monroe Ave and using the casual road at the community garden and linking to the walk around Walker Lake.

Discussion followed on the trails. Some of the comments were:

The trail could be done at any time. This could be an excellent opportunity for Eagle Scout projects. The trail could be completed by the end of next summer. The chips for the trail will be no problem. Signs will have to be created for the trails. Maintenance will be at a minimum. Curt is very comfortable with the trails. Kirk Hutchison said he likes the inner loop approach.

Motion made by Scott Stream to move forward with the walking trail for Kirkwood Park and seconded by Steve Coates.

All approved. Motion approved unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

a) Request for Overnight Camping in Fireman's Park

Murray received the annual request from Pack 352 to camp in Fireman's Park following their Scouting for Food Drive the evening of November 21, 2015 and needs an approval from the Park Board.

Motion made by Kirk Hutchison to approve the request for the overnight camping for Pack 352 in Fireman's Park the evening of November 21, 2015 and seconded by Kate LeGrand.

All approved. Motion approved unanimously.

b) 2016 Meeting Dates

Murray proposed the following alterations to the normal meeting dates on the third Monday of the month for calendar year 2016.

January 25th (moves away from Martin Luther King Birthday holiday)

February 22nd (moves away from President's Day holiday)

September 26th (delayed due to Greentree Festival)

November 14th (to avoid meeting week of Thanksgiving)

December 12th (to avoid week of seasonal holidays)

Motion made by Steve Coates to approve the date alterations as specified and seconded by Kara Wurtz.

All approved. Motion approved unanimously.

e) Other Matters

None

VI. SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS REPORT

The Maintenance Report for period September 29 through October 18 is included in the packet.

Curt went over the Prairie/Wetland Progress, Fishing Dock Renovation, and the graffiti at the Quarry.

Curt told the Park Board that they are using a commercial grade solvent that becomes biodegradable after it is rinsed off the stones to remove the graffiti.

There is still some obvious ghosting on the blocks.

The porosity of the limestone will prevent the Park crew from getting all of the markings to disappear, so weathering of the rocks will be necessary for it to return to a more normal appearance.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Pat O'Toole, the consultant is doing the community center portion of the economic feasibility study and is scheduled to be in town in November and he will be talking to our staff.

Duncan Webb and Christina Kruse with Webb Management Company will be talking with the staff to get their input regarding the theater.

The contractor for the Greentree Park Prairie demonstration area has been working very hard. The construction is expected to last through the end of the year, with planting of the prairie and other landscapes to be completed next spring.

Murray said he would like the Park Board members to take a tour of the Greentree Prairie Project. The date decided on was October 26 at 4:00 p.m. Kirk Hutchison, David Hufford and Steve Coates said they will plan on taking the tour. The grant application for Fillmore Park updates will be ready to submit in plenty of time.

The Kirkwood Rotary Club and park maintenance did a great job replacing the deck and railings of the fishing dock in Walker Lake. It looks great, thanks to the Rotary Club, the park maintenance crew and to Tom Riggs who led the group.

IX. PARK ORDINANCE REVIEW

Murray reported he prepared a document that he hopes captures all the changes that were proposed.

The document is included in the Park Board packet. Murray proposed the Park Board members look over the document one more time and then he will review it with the City Clerk and the City Attorney. With their input the Park Board can put together the final version of proposed changes and then make a recommendation to City Council for an entire package of changes.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Kirk Hutchison to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p. m. and seconded by Steve Coates.

All approved unanimously.

The next scheduled meeting of the Kirkwood Park Board is November 16, 2015.