



**KIRKWOOD PARK BOARD
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER
111 S. GEYER ROAD, ROOM 202
MEETING MINUTES**

In attendance: Ricky Bagy, Tom Riggs, Steve Coates, David Hufford, Kirk Hutchison, Wallace Ward, Kate LeGrand, Kara Wurtz, Scott Stream

Staff: Murray Pounds

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

I. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Blake Dell, 240 E Clinton

Mr. Dell spoke to the board about concerns he has regarding the Fillmore Park upgrade. His concern is the plans to move the playground to higher grounds. He feels this will have the playground too close to the street and traffic.

Murray Pounds told Mr. Dell this will be discussed under New Business at the meeting.

I. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 16, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

Motion made by Wallace Ward to approve the November 16, 2015 Park Board minutes, seconded by Scott Stream.

All approved unanimously. Motion passed.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Finance Committee

Kirk Hutchison reported the Finance Sub-Committee met on Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 8:15 a.m. at the Kirkwood Community Center. The committee report is included in the Park Board packet. A review of the five year capital plan for the Park Fund for FY2016-17 was conducted.

The committee discussed the elements of the five year capital plan for FY2016-17.

The board agreed it will be in the best interest to focus on the project to replace the handwashing stations in Restroom #2 and #3 in Kirkwood Park and delay the paving project for the Amphitheater Drive until next year.

The preliminary draft will be presented to the Board after the first of the year.

A brief discussion was held on ideas regarding the operating budget for next year.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

a) Approval of Meacham Park Memorial Park Playground Replacement Equipment Bid

Murray went over the replacement pieces for the Meacham Park playground. The proposal is included in the Park Board packet. The replacement pieces will be installed by the park staff. The staff will repaint the metal structure and deck for the playground as well. By completing this with existing staff the hope is to have enough remaining funds to replace or recover the safety surface for the playground.

Motion made by Tom Riggs to approve the purchase of the replacement pieces for the Meacham Park Memorial Park playground at a cost of \$4,432.05 and seconded by Scott Stream.

All approved unanimously. Motion passed.

b) Fillmore Park Grant Update

Murray reported he did not know if we would get a grant for the Fillmore Park Update. In the past a total of eight grants totaling about two million dollars have been received.

Fillmore Park was rehabbed eight years ago.

The location of the proposed playground was discussed. The plan is to move it to higher grounds to make it more accessible. It was discussed the playground be pushed back some since it might be too close to traffic. Fencing was discussed and the entrance to the park. Murray said there could be some design changes.

In the event no grant money is available the following options could be considered:

1. Do nothing at this time.
2. Look at the plan and see if certain aspects of the plan could be accomplished with available funds.
3. Wait and re-apply for the grant during the next grant cycle. The chance for award should be higher in the next round.

Wallace Ward and Scott Stream both stated a desire to complete the Fillmore Park project. The board agreed Fillmore Park needs to be rehabbed to make it more accessible. This would be locating the playground to a higher level, adding fencing and rehabilitating the playground surface. Murray said he will look at the proposed updates and by the January 2016 meeting should have more information for the board.

c) Other Matters

None

VI. SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS REPORT

The Maintenance Report for period November 17 through December 11 is included in the packet.

In Curt Carron's absence Peter Laufersweiler wrote the report.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Greentree Park Prairie and Monroe Creek project are making significant progress. The bridge that served as access to the island that was in Walker

Lake has been removed from the wooded area near the lake and is now in Greentree Park.

- Duncan Webb will have his report on the theater portion of the Community Center study in mid- January and Pat O'Toole is expected to have his report on the actual community center in February.
- The Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon for members of KPAC was a very nice affair. This will probably be an annual event. Kylie Christanell is busy organizing and recruiting new volunteers. Kylie did a good job with the luncheon.
- There will be a volunteer service project this weekend, December 19, 2015 for the Sugar Creek Trail building. Kylie Christanell is in charge for the service project. She has volunteers and scouts coming in to roll the fabric and spread mulch on the new trail near Sugar Creek. The staff will complete the work not finished by the volunteers.

A Finance Committee meeting will be scheduled for the middle of January.

VIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Steve Coates and seconded by Kirk Hutchison to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p. m.

All approved unanimously. Motion passed.

The next scheduled meeting of the Kirkwood Park Board will be on January 25, 2016.