

**KIRKWOOD PARK BOARD
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2016
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER
111 S. GEYER ROAD, ROOM 202
MEETING MINUTES**

In attendance: Rick Bagy, Steve Coates, Scott Stream, Kirk Hutchison, Wallace Ward, David Hufford, Kara Wurtz

Absent: Tom Riggs, Kate LeGrand

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 discussed the Honeysuckle Removal Day at Emmenegger Park scheduled for March 6, 2016 from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The group will meet at the Trailhead near the parking lot. On March 12, 2016 there will be a Honeysuckle Removal Day at the Kirkwood Park, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The volunteers for the Kirkwood Park Honeysuckle Removal will meet at the Rifle Range Parking lot. Alan said there has been significant progress made with the removal of the honeysuckle.

Board meeting recessed at 7:08 p.m. to conduct a Public Hearing.

II. PUBLIC HEARING ON FISCAL YEAR 2016-17 PARK FUND BUDGET

Murray Pounds reported to the Board a notification announcing the Public Hearing for the Park Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 was placed in the St. Louis Countian and in the Webster Kirkwood Times.

The budget was reviewed by the Finance Committee before the first of the year.

The budget is available for public inspection at the Parks & Recreation Department, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. It can also be viewed on the City of Kirkwood website.

The Public Hearing recessed at 7:12 p.m.

Park Board meeting resumed at 7:13 p.m.

III. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 25, 2016 PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Motion made by Steve Coates to approve the amended January 25, 2016 Park Board minutes, seconded by David Hufford.

Motion approved. Motion passed.

Rick Bagy abstained.

Wallace Ward abstained.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) None

IV. OLD BUSINESS

a) Fillmore Park Grant Update

Murray discussed the recruiting of a design team for the Fillmore Park Update. Murray suggested the design team meet with members of the public that are interested in the Fillmore Park update and get their input.

The Board agreed this is good idea to have the public involved in the update. The project continues to move forward. The hope is to have the plans completed by June and the bid process by early July.

b) Meramec River Flood Recovery

Murray reported to the Board to replace the ballfield lights at Greentree the cost will be about \$59,000. Murray said he is looking at some options where some of the work could be done in-house. Discussion was held on contact cabinets and flood proofing ballasts boxes at Greentree. The damaged pavilion at Emmenegger Park was discussed. The cost of a new pavilion will be about \$70,000 - \$80,000. At the March Park Board meeting Murray said he hopes to have more information regarding possible reimbursement for flood repairs. The Board will have to make some important decisions regarding the repairs.

V. NEW BUSINESS

a) Golf Tournament Benefitting McEntee Park

Murray was approached about a fund raising effort proposed by staff members of Country Financial through a contact of Rick Bagy. Country Financial is having a Charity Golf Tournament to be held at Tapawingo National Golf Club on Monday, April 25, 2016 10:00 a.m. The group plans on donating some of the proceeds from their tournament to the park to fund a drinking fountain in McEntee Park. If the money does come through we will need to modify the budget.

b) Transfer of Funds to Unemployment Compensation Account

Murray explained to the Board a former employee who left us for another job but is now unemployed is seeking unemployment benefits. While we have no control over his job situation, we are required to pay a portion of the unemployment benefits, based on his service with us. Murray asked the Board to transfer \$1,575 from account 201-5101-452-66-26 (Motor Fuel & Lubricants) to account 201-5101-452-29-04 (Unemployment Compensation).

Wallace Ward made a motion to transfer \$1,575 from account 201-5101-452-66-26 (Motor Fuel & Lubricants) to account 201-5101-452-29-04 (Unemployment Compensation), seconded by Scott Stream.

All approved unanimously. Motion passed.

c) Other Matters

None

VI. SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS REPORT

The Maintenance Report for period January 26 through February 22, 2016 is included in the Park Board Minutes.

Curt went over the report with the Park Board.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- The Greentree Park Prairie Project is moving forward. Most of the concrete work is finished. Planting will take place in the spring. It is looking good.
- There will be a kick off meeting with Ideal Landscape for the Monroe Creek Project possibly next week.
- Murray said he should have the report on the economic portion from the City Council for the community center the middle of next month. The business plan for the theatre is still being worked on and may be ready early April.
- Met today with Tom Trieman and Tammy Yegge, Conservation Department, to discuss the Emmenegger survey. They are lending Kirkwood Parks Department a couple of iPads to use for the survey for Emmenegger Park, and went through training on the iPads.
- Bids went out for repairs to the two Kirkwood Park restrooms. Bids are due back in time to seek approval at the March meeting.

BOARD COMMENTS AND REPORTS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Scott Stream made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m., seconded by Wallace Ward.

All approved unanimously. Motion passed.