Approved

JOPLIN PARKS & RECREATION

ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

March 14, 2018
5:00 PM
Joplin Athletic Complex
3301 W. 1st Street
Joplin, MO 64801

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Dustin Parker, Harvey Hutchinson, Josh DeTar, Kreg Selvey, and Jennifer Martucci were present.
ABSENT:	Edwin Mwangi, Shawn Klosterman
GUESTS:	Paul Bloomberg, Parks and Recreation and Director Carla Bond, Business Development Manager
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:	Dustin Parker called the regular meeting to order.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:	Harvey Hutchinson made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Dustin Parker.
OLD BUSINESS:	Paul mentioned to the board that the second set of gates were moved out to Dover Hill. The gates are closed at this time but once the bike trail is complete the gates will be opened. He said that Mark Cox has about forty volunteers helping with the trail.
NEW BUSINESS:	The board excused Shawn Klosterman and Edwin Mwangi absence. Paul told the board that the Joplin Adult Soccer group would like to use Landreth Park for their practices and pickup games. They have over 600 players and normally play late in the evenings about 2-3 times a week. He said he is on board with this group and they play in all of our Adult Soccer

leagues that we offer. They are also trying to raise money with a go fund me page for new LED lights which would cost about $40,000.00. Dustin said his only concern about allowing them to use this is that we only have one soccer fields for practice so if a school like McAuley wanted to use it they couldn't. Paul said it shouldn't interfere because the Adult Soccer doesn't play until later in the evening. Harvey made a motion to allow the guys to use the fields and recommend a light timer, 2nd by Jennifer, all yea. They also asked the board if they could add an extra Adult Soccer League to Sundays for 11v11. Paul said he would get with Ashley Clements to see if this would work and if we would get enough teams involved.

Paul mentioned that we need to review the dog park rules because we have 32 rules compared to other towns that have a lot less. We have been doing research with 26 other towns and no one has as many rules as we do. We have about 300 people signed up to use our dog park each year. Paul handed out the Dog Park rules (Attached) He mentioned that these are in the city ordinance so they can't be changed unless he takes them to city council. Josh made a motion to allow Paul to review and revise dog park rules as needed, 2nd by Harvey, all yea.

He handed out the Little League Lease (Attached) Joplin Little League will pay $500.00 rent yearly. They have given the Wildcat Ballpark back to the city. When time allows we will start demolition later this summer and make it a natural area.

He mentioned that the Historic Preservation committee is working on getting all four of the city cemeteries marked as Historical. It is in the first phase and they will bring everything to Park Board before moving forward. Phase two will be the parks that are 50 years or old.

Paul told the board that a Southwest Baseball Independent League was approved by City Council to use Joe Becker fields next year (2019) (Lease Agreement Attached) He told the board that he did have some concerns and informed Sam. As of right now they have Joplin and two teams and they have to have 6 teams by October or the city can terminate the lease. Dustin told the board that there will be 6 teams that play each other for 110 games. 55 home games and 55 away games.

Paul handed out a Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement. (Attached) The Rotary Sculpture

Garden committee is wanting to bring art work into Mercy Park. They would be the committee to determine what art work would go into the park and then they would present it to the Park board for approval. Josh made a motion to move forward with the Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement as written in front of us today, 2nd by Jennifer, all yea.

Paul stated to the board that he has heard that the Joplin Swim Team is going to try and set up a meeting with him about getting a discount to use the pool. Paul said he will not give them a discount because all we ask is for them to pay cost of two lifeguards and a pool manager.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Paul handed out Schifferdecker Golf Course monthly revenue report. (Attached)

He handed out Recreational Events and Rentals. (Attached) Paul told the board that we have 22 kids signed up for the kid's garage sale this weekend and we have over 200 registered for soccer. He said that softball and baseball is completely booked on weekends.

ADJOURNEMENT:

Jennifer Martucci made a motion to adjourn, second by Josh DeTar.

Nakia Osborne, Accounting Specialist