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JOPLIN PARKS
& RECREATION

ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

April 11, 2017
5:00 PM
Athletic Complex
3301 W. 1st Street
Joplin, MO 64801

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Dustin Parker, Harvey Hutchinson, Shawn Klosterman, Josh DeTar, and were present.
ABSENT:	Aaron Doll, Jennifer Martucci, Edwin Mwangi
GUESTS:	Paul Bloomberg, Parks and Recreation ant Director Patrick Tuttle, CVB Ashley Le Blanc, Art Feeds Paul Whitehill, Whitehill Enterprises Sharon Beshore, Connect2Culture
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:	Dustin Parker called the regular meeting to order.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:	Josh DeTar made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Harvey Hutchinson.
OLD BUSINESS:	Paul told the board that the Monarch Pledge is a volunteer based group that will complete three projects. The first one was the proclamation which has already being complete. He said they started working on the second project today by redoing the landscaping at the entry signs in Ewert Park, Leonard Park, and Humphrey Park. The third project will be planting some habitat plants in Campbell Parkway. Paul stated that at the City Council Meeting last night told him to move forward with the contract to turf both Wendell Redden and Joe Becker Stadiums. He said Sprinturf was the lowest bidder

and they have called references and has heard great things about their work. They are the only company that makes their own turf. Once Paul has the contract he will take it back to council for approval. He did mentioned that the turf project wouldn't be able to start until after the season because we already have both fields booked up. Joe Becker Stadium has 250 games booked from February-August.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sharon presented to the board the proposal of a tile mural to be created by the students of the Bill and Virgina Leffen Center of Autism to go on the opposite side of the Butterfly Mural in Mercy Park. (Attached) Art Feeds will work with the students at the Leffen Center using a 4-week mural curriculum and Bill Whitehill will be printing the mural design using the latest in state-of-the-art digital printing technology and install it. Freeman Health System will provide the funding for the project so there will be no expense to the City of Joplin. If the project is approved we would move forward and start next Monday, April 17, 2017 and it would be complete at the end of October. Ryan mentioned if the funding from Freeman would have any kind of conflict with the Mercy Park contract. Patrick said he would follow up on that because he is unsure. Josh made a motion to move forward with the Mercy Park mural contingent that Mercy Hospital also agreed that it was ok, 2nd by Harvey, all yea.

Paul told the board that Nancy and Tyler Morton, with the Historic Preservation commission would like to do a local designation on the Parks and Cemetery Department. They would like to have a few Park Board members to attend their meetings which are held the 3rd Tuesday of every month in City Hall at 5:00. Paul said he would get more information about this and update the Park Board members.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Paul handed out first quarter financials. (Attached) He said the soccer numbers are down a little from last year. We no longer take Demize soccer payments and they no longer practice at the Soccer Complex. They are now practicing at Landreth and we bill them at the end of every month for field rental.

He also mentioned that the Storm Water Projects are rapping up. The Asphalt that Public Works removed for us is complete at the Parks maintenance Tennis Courts. The gravel has been tested and is lead free so we will start getting it ready for seed. The

playground equipment has all arrived. The landscaping, brick façade and electric at the storage building are the only things left to do.

Harvey handed out some goals he would like to see the Parks Board discuss at the next meeting. (Attached)

ADJOURNEMENT: Josh DeTar made a motion to adjourn, second by Harvey Hutchinson.

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