Approved

JOPLIN PARKS & RECREATION

ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

September 12, 2018
5:00 PM
Joplin Athletic Complex
3301 W. 1st Street
Joplin, MO 64801

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Dustin Parker, Chalise Cooper, Edwin Mwangi, Kreg Selvey, Josh DeTar and Jennifer Martucci, Paul Teverow were present.
ABSENT:	None
GUESTS:	Paul Bloomberg, Parks and Recreation and Director Carla Bond, Business Development Manager Ryan Stanley, City Council Liaison Doug Hunt, Spirit Tree Project Cleo Copeland, Spirt Tree Project
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:	Dustin Parker called the regular meeting to order.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:	Jennifer Martucci made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Kreg Selvey.
OLD BUSINESS:	Paul mentioned that Leonard Park Playground equipment is complete. He told the board that they came in under budget on the project. He told the board that he is going to talk to Leslie and Sam about some of the parks playground equipment is not needing replaced and wonders if they can use the funds for other park projects. He told the board that the RFP for the court resurfacing project also came in under budget. Gerrald Perry out of Springfield won the bid and will start resurfacing the courts. We will also be making more pickleball courts because it is becoming very

popular. We have atleast 30 people that come out of Thursday nights to play. We are also starting to get a small group that come out on Thursday mornings.

NEW BUSINESS:

Doug Hunt spoke to the board about the falling spirit tree. He said the tree fell over around March and a group of people got together and would like to recreate the tree out of medal. He told the board that the tree would be the same dimensions as the original tree. They would like the parks to donate a place in a park that they can locate the recreated spirit tree. Paul mentioned that he has been attending their meetings and said he thinks 20th and Murphy Blvd would be a great location for this to be located. They would like the spirt tree recreation to be done by the 10 year anniversary of the tornado but there is no dead-lines. They are raising the money so there would be no cost to the city. Jennifer recommend that we move forward and they present to City Council the recreating of the spirit tree and being located at 20th and Murphy Blvd., 2nd by Paul. All yea

Paul told the board that a community group went to council about making a park in the green space behind Joe Becker. They would like Hope Park to have a playground, basketball court and a shelter. The group is saying it will be fully funded so the city doesn't have to pay for it. City Council approved Hope Park. Paul says he wishes the group would have presented this to Park Board before going to council because we need to be involved in what kind of playground, shelter and layout for the basketball courts since the parks maintenance crew will still have to do maintenance on this park. Right now they mow the land maybe once a month and now we will have to maintain it like we do other parks. We will also have to start doing playground inspections on this park.

Paul said that Bill Nelson was suppose to be attending the meeting to present leasing Gabby Street baseball fields. The lease agreement would have to be like Little League's that uses Landreth fields. They would have to take care of all the maintenance of the field. Paul told the board that the only issue he has right now is that leasing another practice field is taking away from the community from being able to rent it. However, he has been taking with Greg Bertoncino about making two more practice fields out here at the complex for the public to use which would be less maintenance than Gabby Street. Dustin said he thinks that sounds like a great idea.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Paul handed out Schifferdecker Golf Course and Recreation monthly revenue report. (Attached) August was a great month for us we are up $16,000 from last year but we are still down 300 rounds from last year.

Paul also handed out the 2019 budget. (Attached) He said nothing got cut from our budget and that council granted employees to have off Martin Luther King Day.

Pool Report (Attached) He mentioned that the pool rotation schedule worked great and if we have to continue to do that then we will next year. Dustin said since we have had issues opening all three pools the past few summers has there been any talk about maybe turning Ewert Pool into a big splash pad. Paul said he has looked into it and it would be a great idea.

Recreation Report and Graph (Attached)

***ADJOURNEMENT*:**

Kreg Selvey made a motion to adjourn, second by Paul Teverow.

Nakia Osborne, Accounting Specialist