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ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

November 8, 2023
4:00 PM
Joplin Athletic Complex
3301 West 1st Street
Joplin, MO 64801

MEMBERS PRESENT: Greg Matzer, Dustin Parker, Paul Teverow, Greg McConnell, Brad McIntyre, Mariah Kraft were present.

ABSENT: Chalise Cooper

GUESTS: Paul Bloomberg, Director
Greg Bertoncino, Assistant Director
Christina Williams, City Council Liaison

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Paul Teverow called the regular meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Greg Matzer made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Greg McConnell.

APPROVAL OF ABSENT:

OLD BUSINESS: Paul told the board that the RFQ for the DORA Project was opened on October 13th. This will be the outdoor Recreation area located in Dover and Ozark Park. They have interviewed four companies and the committee is still working on scoring. Paul said he is hoping to select a company by the end of the week. Our goal is to have this project done by October 2025 but the deadline for the grant is December 2026.

He mentioned that the Ewert Splash Park RFQ has been opened and Olsson Studio won the bid. We will have our kickoff meeting the first week of December. The RFQ included the other projects that will be going into Ewert Park such as the lights,

cameras, amphitheater, interpretive signage, covered multi-sports court, etc.

He said the Overlay Project at Landreth Pickleball courts is complete. We just have a few things like signage and pickleball paddle holders to install. The parks crew did install a new net to divide the courts. When they were installing the new poles, they also installed wiring so in the future we can add additional lighting. Paul also mentioned that the Golf Course Overlay Project is taking a lot longer than we expected. We started a week later than, then we got rain, which put us a little farther behind. We are hoping to be done with our part tomorrow and Blevins Asphalt will start next week on the asphalt.

Paul also mentioned that the bids were opened for the Main Street Tree Planting/Removal project. He told the board that Simpson Lawn Care won the bid and they have already had a pre-meeting with them on what they expect. They will start working on 15th street – 32nd street in the fall and the Main Street trees in the late spring.

He mentioned that Sign Designs won the bid for the five park entryway signs. These signs will be going in Senator Ron Richard Memorial Park (Campbell Parkway), Wildcat Park, McIndoe Park, McClelland Park, and Schifferdecker Park.

NEW BUSINESS:

Paul told the board that the Recreation Coordinator position has been filled. We hired a guy named Bryson Mathews, and he is doing great. He is a younger guy and grew up in the Webb City area.

He told the board that we will be advertising an RFP next week for Mercy Park Electrical. This will be a Stormwater Project. This will allow us to have more lighting in the park, electric at all the light poles and extra event panels.

Paul also let the board know that the parks crew will start winterizing the park restrooms next Monday. This will probably take about a week to get all the restrooms winterized and closed. The only park restroom that will stay open will be Mercy Park because that restroom is heated. Park Restrooms will reopen in April.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Paul Bloomberg handed out the Recreation and Event reports for the board to review. (Attached)

Paul told the board that our events have been doing very well and continue to grow. He said the Hayride event at McClelland had a huge turn out this year. We estimated 3,000 people. We had a lot of stuff this year. We had our regular Hayride, added a Scarier Hayride, added the free hotdogs back, smores, games, bounce houses, food vendors, and a hay bale trail. We had ten haybales sponsored. The public could vote on the haybales. 1st place- Preferred Community Services Day School, 2nd place- Krazy Karr Boys Doggy Daycare, and 3rd place- St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

ADJOURNEMENT:

Greg Matzer made a motion to adjourn, second by Greg McConnell.

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