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JOPLIN
PARKS & RECREATION

ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

November 13, 2024
4:00 PM
Joplin Athletic Complex
3301 West 1st Street
Joplin, MO 64801

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Paul Teverow, Greg Matzer, Dustin Parker, Brad McIntyre, Mariah Kraft, and Michael Gilpin were present.
ABSENT:	Greg McConnell
GUESTS:	Paul Bloomberg, Director Greg Bertoncino, Assistant Director Charles Copple, City Council Liaison
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:	Brad McIntyre called the regular meeting to order.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:	Greg Matzer made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Paul Teverow.
OLD BUSINESS:	Paul told the board that the DORA bid opening was last Friday. We received two bids. SWT will be reviewing both bids for qualifications. They will be taking it to City Council. With this project it does have to be award to the contractor by December 2024. He stated that the Memorial Hall discussion was tabled at City Council. He will keep the board updated at the next Park Board meeting. Paul mentioned that the Ewert Splash Park is going well, but they are working on making some adjustments to help with the cost of the project. Branco will be going to City Council on December 16th for a presentation.

NEW BUSINESS:

He stated that the clean up at 4th and Murphy looks so much better. We got with the city Tree Arborist and removed a bunch of trees. There were two big homeless camps that we had to clean up in that area. We are now working with Missouri Prairie Foundation to start working on planting natives in that area.

He stated that the Museum HVAC project was awarded to Saterlee and it passed the City Council reading so we will be moving forward with that project.

Paul told the board that we got a new Legacy Grant this year. We will be getting two new playgrounds at Parr Hill Park, new workout equipment along the walking trail, and outdoor games.

He told the board that the parks budget went well. He said that the third park ranger did get approved, and we will start advertising for the position soon. A few things we will be getting are new rock wall at Schifferdecker Pool, new shade structures at the soccer fields and tennis courts at the complex, new netting at the Wendell Redden batting cages, and electric at Fairview and Parkway for the flag poles.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

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

He told the board that the Golf Course has had a great year and broke over a million dollars in revenue.

He also said that the Holiday Tree Trail is coming up on December 4th at Mercy Park. It will be held from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. We are currently taking registration from local businesses or groups that wasn't to enter a tree into the trail decorating contest.

ADJOURNEMENT:

Dustin Parker made a motion to adjourn, second by Greg Matzer.

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