

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
CITY COMMISSION ROOM
MARCH 3, 2014
4:30 P.M.

Present were the following members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Ms. Linda Teener, Mr. Bruce McMillan, Mr. Dave Schafer, Mr. Ed Klimek, Mr. Aaron Estabrook, and Ms. Marcia Rozell. Ms. Ashalen Sims was absent. Also present at this meeting were: Mr. Eddie Eastes, Director of Parks and Recreation; Mr. Wyatt Thompson, Park Planner; Mr. Mike Buchanan, Recreation Superintendent, Mr. Scott Shoemaker, Zoo Director; Mr. Fred Goss, Flint Hills Discovery Center Director; Mr. Casey Smithson, Park Superintendent; and Ms. Debbie Dugan, Administrative Supervisor. Visitors present: Mr. Brent Chamberlain, several KSU students, and Ms. Molly Myers.

MINUTES

Ms. Teener called the meeting to order. Mr. Schafer stated that the February minutes be corrected to state “monies are from the excess sales tax fund” in regard to \$400,000 used for pool improvements. It was moved by Ms. Rozell, seconded by Mr. Schafer to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 3, 2014 with the correction. On vote, motion carried 6-0.

LINEAR PARK MAPPING

Mr. Thompson introduced Mr. Brent Chamberlain, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Landscape Architecture at KSU. Mr. Chamberlain introduced a class project related to the Linear Park Trail. The students gave presentations on updated maps that could be used on trailhead signage, printed for distribution, or placed on the City’s website. The board liked the students’ suggestions and thanked them for attending the meeting.

LITTLE APPLE PILOT CLUB

Ms. Molly Myers presented a check to Mr. Eastes in the amount of \$750. Mr. Eastes stated that the money would be used to purchase and install an accessible swing at Anneberg Park Playground.

ARTS IN THE PARK UPDATE

Mr. Buchanan distributed a copy of the 2014 Arts in the Park schedule to the board. The board held discussion and questions were answered at that time.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM (CIP)

Mr. Eastes discussed the CIP process and the matrix for the different divisions. He informed the board that the deadline for citizen suggestions was March 7, 2014.

BLUEMONT YOUTH CABIN – BOY SCOUT CABIN

Mr. Eastes explained that at the City Commission Meeting on July 16, 2013, the City Commission tabled the item and requested the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board consider the nomination of the Bluemont Youth Cabin to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places and make a recommendation to the City Commission. The Bluemont Youth Cabin was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on January 8, 2014. It was moved by Mr. Schafer, seconded by Mr. McMillan to proceed with development of a Request for Proposal (RFP). On vote, motion carried 6-0. The board will review the RFP before it’s sent out.

SUMMARY REVIEW – PREVIOUS PARKS AND RECREATION STUDIES

Mr. Thompson discussed the summary sheets that he created from the different studies from 1992-2014. The board suggested having a tour of facilities and then a Work Session with the City Commission to discuss the process. Mr. Thompson will submit dates to the board, so a tour date can be scheduled.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Shoemaker stated that a bridal fair was hosted in the Nature Education Center with approximately 100 people attending. Two bookings for weddings were received from the event. The application for the AZA accreditation has been submitted. A presentation on honey bees was held at the zoo.

Mr. Thompson reminded the board of the website for the Urban Area Comprehensive Plan – www.manhattanarea2035.com

Mr. Goss informed the board of Football Exhibit ESU Day on March 8, 2014.

Mr. Eastes stated that the ice rink closed for the season on February 28, 2014.

MISCELLANEOUS

Ms. Rozell explained that May is Bike month, so a report from the bicycle committee would be nice. Mr. McMillan explained that the Bolton Memorial will be dedicated on April 12 at CiCo Park.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Ms. Rozell, seconded by Mr. Schafer to adjourn the meeting. On vote, motion carried 6-0.