

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MINUTES

January 11, 2016

Chairman Mike Fulca called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. at 109 E. Broadway, Ashland, MO. Board Members present were Chairman Mike Fulca, Vee Fasciotti, Charlotte Beuselinck Marilyn McGuire, Alderman Jesse Bronson and Mary Logsdon. Absent were Kim Moore, David Mars and Sandy Harris.

Guests: City Administrator/Police Chief Lyn Woolford, Stephanie Jennings.

Chairman Mike Fulca called for a motion to approve January 11, 2016 agenda. Board Member Charlotte Beuselinck made a motion to approve the agenda for January 11, 2016 and seconded by Board Member Mary Logsdon. Motion carried.

Chairman Mike Fulca called for a motion to approve the previous minutes dated December 14, 2015. Board Member Vee Fasciotti made a motion to approve the previous minutes dated November 9, 2015. Seconded by Board Member Marilyn McGuire. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Garden Club

Marilyn McGuire volunteered to care for the entrance to Palomino Ridge. Attending members, the City Administrator and Alderman Bronson gave their support to her request.

2. Community Garden

A discussion of the possibility of a community garden in the Palomino Park was initiated. Speaking points centered around how this idea would be developed, who would be responsible for what and what expenses would be involved. The availability of water was mentioned with City Administrator Woolford mentioning a water hydrant would probably be installed in the park for water quality monitoring. This hydrant could be available for those who are caring for whatever is being grown in the garden area. Marilyn McGuire recommended those interested in a community garden should visit

community gardens in Columbia and/or elsewhere to get a better idea of the concept and how it works. Vee Fasciotti mentioned consideration should be given to the fact that most residents in Ashland have their own yard so would there may be little interest in the community for a general gardening area. The Board consensus was it would be worth the time and effort to provide the opportunity for such. Suggested ideas were butterfly areas, Future Farmers of America projects, learning garden participation and Boy Scout/Eagle Scout ideas. Don Day was mentioned as a person who could offer his experience.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Easter Egg Hunt

Questions and preparations for the Easter Egg Hunt were presented and discussed. March 19th was confirmed as the date of the event with setup starting at noon. The need for an alternate location, rather than the park, was confirmed as the school gym used in previous years. Vee Fasciotti asked the question, who is the sponsor? Her intent was to determine who is buying the candy that is distributed in the eggs. Alderman Bronson said he would pose the question at the next Board meeting. Ms. Fasciotti suggested a fund of \$300 would be sufficient. Other comments were there are only 2 park board meetings left before the event; signs should be produced for posting the location change in the case of bad weather and in the past, City Treasurer Kendall has handled advertising of the event.

2. Ashland Lemonade Daze

A 5:30 committee meeting prior to the Park Board Meeting was held in City Hall. It was agreed, additional meetings are needed and were established for every two weeks, on Mondays. In March, the Lemonade Daze meeting will be on the 14th, because of Easter and spring break. Topics discussed were the cut outs for pictures, the old car show, street dance bands, street closure and funding. Alderman Bronson has extended invites to groups to participate but as of yet, had no responses. Needs such as tents and electricity were considered. The suggestion of straw bales was made to deaden sound. Diederich farms has rented bales in the past. Ms. Beuselinck recommended a public address system. Gary Seikmann was suggested as a provider of a PA system. Ms. Beuselinck also suggested a list of games in the

park and where they should be located would be a good idea for the layout of the event. A suggestion was Chamber people could monitor the games. Ms. Fasciotti reminded the attendees a plan for park and street clean up would be necessary. City Administrator Woolford mentioned Public Works personnel would be on site to assist with clean up. Chairman Fulca inquired about a trailer for the bands and a tent to protect them from weather. Ms. Fasciotti mentioned George Campbell has a large tent.

DISCUSSION:

1. Budget

Costs for the 2017 Park budget includes \$3,900 for port-a-potties during the winter in the park and water for the Optimist Pool in the summer. \$5,000 for mulch, tree stump removals, watering expense and \$1,400 for replacement cooking grills. Chairman Fulca said the tennis nets, at least one of the two, need replacing. Their cost is estimated at \$125-200 each. The budget line by line proposal was distributed to the members for their perusal. Ms. Beuselinck asked what the budget was for the Lemonade Daze. Alderman Bronson responded with \$4,000. Chairman Fulca asked for the status of the park tax. Alderman Bronson said it would not be a ballot issue in 2016. The reduction in the City's sales tax income was discussed. It was agreed, additional commercial base is needed.

2. Discussion of Chapter 25

Chairman Fulca read through the requirements and directives of the ordinance. The board agreed, amendments and revisions were needed. It was agreed the mention of the fall fest and sidewalk days should be deleted. The question came up if the City Treasurer can be a "member" of the Park Board as the current wording suggests the Treasurer cannot. The wording also suggests an Alderman cannot be a board "member". The question was posed as to when Park Board officers should be elected. Suggestions were in January or after the start of the fiscal year. It was agreed by the attendees officers should be elected in July.

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS:

1. City Administrator reported David Mars called in sick, prior to the start of the meeting.

Miscellaneous

1. The next Board meeting is February 8, 2016. January 25th is the next Lemonade Daze meeting at 5:30 at City Hall.

Board Member Mary Logsdon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Charlotte Beuselinck. Motion carried.