

Parks and Recreation

Board Minutes

April 9, 2018

On April 9, 2018 the meeting of the Ashland Park Board was called to order by Chairperson Cynthia Wills at 109 East Broadway, Ashland, Missouri at 6:01 p.m.

Board Members present were Cynthia Wills, Pamela Dees, Tracy Banning, David Mars and Marilyn McGuire. Also present were City Administrator Lyn Woolford and Administrative Assistant Carrie Fischer.

Board Members Absent were Kellye McCord and Alderman Jesse Bronson.

Guests: Ernie Wren, Tracy Eichhorn, Vicky Fogue, Marci Wood, and John Humph

Chairperson Wills called for a motion to approve the agenda for April 9, 2018. Motion was made by Board member Pamela Dees and seconded by Board member Marilyn McGuire to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Chairperson Wills called for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2018 meeting. Motion was made by Board member David Mars and seconded by Board member Pamela Dees to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Guest Comments: John Humph addressed the board and distributed a handout regarding honeysuckle. He stated that he utilizes the park to walk his dog at least 5 days a week. He picks up trash and pulls weeds when needed. He feels that there is an invasive honeysuckle problem in and around the park and is affecting the hard wood trees and other areas. He is asking the Park Board's permission for him to (at his own expense) treat the honeysuckle. If the city would "mark off" areas that are their property, he will take care of the honeysuckle problem at the park and other areas around town that are also affected. He is also asking for permission to add some blue dye to the city pond as he will be doing his own soon and will donate this as well.

New Business:

1. None

Old Business:

1. Fall Festival: Tracy Eichhorn introduced Vicky Fogue who is doing a Balloon Extravaganza October 18, 2018 - October 21, 2018 (Thursday-Sunday), the same weekend as the Ashland Fall Festival. She is proposing to merge the two events and move it to the Cartwright Property area up by the airport. Vicky spoke regarding some of the things she already has in place including a carnival out of Kansas City, MO. After some discussion, Board member Marilyn McGuire made a motion to hold a Special Park Board Meeting April 23, 2018 at 6:00 at the regular location for the purpose of discussing and voting on the Balloon Extravaganza, seconded by Tracy Banning. Motion carried.

2. Membership Requirements: Chairperson Cynthia Wills handed out the federal guidelines for Park Board membership. It was determined that in order to be a member of a board, you must be able to vote in a City election. Discussion terminated.
3. Park Sign: At last meeting a new park sign was discussed. Board member Pamela Dees made a motion to replace the old playground sign and the motion was seconded by Board member Marilyn McGuire. Motion carried. Chairperson Wills stated that Board members Marilyn McGuire, David Mars and Pamela Dees would form a subcommittee to work on the wording for the playground sign.
4. Park Pavilion Rental: Board member Tracy Banning posed the question that with the park tax passing is there even a need for rental fees for the pavilions at the park. After some discussion, it was determined that rental fees are not necessary.
5. Park Tax: Chairperson Wills stated that the Park/Storm Water tax had passed and asked Board member Tracy Banning if she would be willing to be the treasurer and she accepted.

City Administrator's Report: City Administrator Lyn Woolford handed out a copy of the new ordinance that will go to the Board of Aldermen, which will need two readings. The first reading will be at the April 17, 2018 City Council Meeting. He pointed out section 2..."The tax imposed by this ordinance shall become effective on the first day of the second quarter after the Director of Revenue of the State of Missouri receives notice of the adoption of this tax." Therefore, it will be several months before the City starts to receive any monies generated by the tax. He also distributed a handout on "Creating a successful Dog Park" for informational purposes.

The Board finished the training "Conducting City Business"

Individual Reports:

Ernie Wren introduced himself, gave a brief history of his educational background as well as his involvement in the community, and is enthusiastic about contributing to the Park Board.

Chairperson Wills gave Administrative Assistant Carrie Fischer a letter and asked that it be put on City letterhead for the Park Board members to sign and send to Ashland Assembly of God Church for their help with the Easter Egg Hunt

Motion was made by Board Member Marilyn McGuire and seconded by Board Member Tracy Banning to adjourn the meeting at 7:44p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes taken by Carrie Fischer, Administrative Assistant