

CITY OF LEBANON
PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 13, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Park Board of the City of Lebanon, Missouri, met in Regular Session on March 13, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. at the Winfrey House located at 25573 Highway 5.

DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Upon roll call, the following Officers were present: Melody Allen, John Gideon, Holly Goforth, Carrie Plassmeyer, Heather Shadel, Doug Smith, Ramsey Stewart, and Neal Wilkinson. Absent: None.

A quorum was declared.

Max Meckem resigned from the Board on March 12th; therefore, the Board currently consisted of 8 members with one vacancy.

Staff members and others in attendance: Park Director John Shelton, Assistant Park Director Elliot Wilburn, and Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk Laina Starnes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Wilkenson moved and Goforth seconded to approve the February 14, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried as follows: Yea: (8) Allen, Gideon, Goforth, Plassmeyer, Shadel, Smith, Stewart, and Wilkinson. Nay: (0) None. Absent: (0) None.

JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORT

Park Director John Shelton went over the financials with the Board and said that spending was light because the pool wasn't open yet. He also spoke about the status of revenue streams which included sales tax, sponsorships, and league signups.

DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATIONS

New Park Property

Park Director John Shelton spoke to the Board about the City recently acquiring 21 acres off Beck Lane until Bridgebuilders could get their Missouri Housing Development Commission (MHDC) credits worked out. Of these 21 acres, he shared nine were slated for the Parks Department for a park. He further stated that Bridgebuilders had an April 15th deadline to purchase back the land for their development, less the nine acres.

President Plassmeyer explained what Bridgebuilders was and shared information about their business model.

Parks Projects Update

Park Director John Shelton updated the Board on park projects to include the installation of fall protection at Nelson and Harke Park, poles for shade structures at Nelson Park, as well as infield irrigation at Nelson Park.

Baseball/Softball League Update

Assistant Park Director Elliot Wilburn reported that recreational league signup would end in March, spring competitive league would start the first of April, and the first tournament for the season would be held the next weekend.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD AND STAFF

President Plassmeyer reported that Max Meckem resigned from the Board because he said he had taken on too much and needed to let something go. She also reported that the City was investing in the Hughes Center by running fiber to the facility which would provide Wi-Fi and also allow for security cameras at Gasconade Park.

CLOSED SESSION

Smith moved and Gideon seconded that the Park Board move out of Regular Session and into Closed Session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (2) to discuss real estate matters. Motion Carried as follows: Yea: (8) Allen, Gideon, Goforth, Plassmeyer, Shadel, Smith, Stewart, and Wilkinson. Nay: (0) None. Absent: (0) None.

The Park Board went into Closed Session at 12:34 p.m. and returned to Regular Session at 1:03 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

President Carrie Plassmeyer declared the meeting adjourned at 1:03 pm.



Park Board President Carrie Plassmeyer

Minutes Approved: April 10, 2024