

City of Lebanon Park Board Meeting

Winfrey Property

25573 Highway 5

Meeting Minutes: August 14th, 2019

In Attendance:

Park Board Members: Max Meckem, RaeAnn Shoemaker, Bob Mowery, Raeanne Reid Carrie Plassmeyer and Jim Garrison. **Media:** Steve Smith and Patty Burns **Public:** Cliff Claxton from the Route 66 Board **Staff:** Director of Parks John Shelton, Assistant Director of Parks Elliot Wilburn, and Communication Manager Derek Gean.

RaeAnn Shoemaker called the meeting to order.

Raeanne Reid made a motion to approve the July 10th minutes. The motion was seconded by Max Meckem. All approved.

Nelson Park Update:

John Shelton reported that the crews are moving lots of dirt to get to the desired grade of the ballfields and soccer fields. They should be finished with grading in 3-4 weeks and then TurfMark will come in and start laying out fields with irrigation and working on planting grass. He also stated that he is working with the engineers on drawings of the current Nelson park concession/restroom building to help save cost instead of designing a completely different building. He also discussed needing to move the skatepark to a different location. He thinks that Gasconade would be a great place for it and that they could pour a new concrete slab and move all the equipment over there.

Carrie Plassmeyer made a motion to move the skatepark equipment to Gasconade Park. The motion was seconded by Raeanne Reid. All approved.

Boswell Aquatic Center Report:

Elliot Wilburn reported that the B.A.C. has less revenue this year than in the last 3 years. One of the main factors was due to all the rain and the full and partial days closed. He also stated that they had some complaints about closing early on days with low attendance. The rule they have always used is if there are less than 20 people in the pool then they close. The Board discussed different options on what to do about closing when attendance was down and ultimately thought the best idea was to close certain areas of the pool instead of completely closing the entire pool. They suggested rotating areas that could be closed such as the diving area and slides during lower attendance times.

Concessions Report:

Elliot stated that the first season of concessions went well and that they did almost \$60,000 in total revenue. He said that they learned a lot and have some ideas on better ways to inventory and on some additional items that could be sold next season.

Baseball/Softball League Survey Results:

Elliot reported that at the conclusion of the baseball and softball season that surveys were emailed out to coaches and parents to get their feedback on the leagues. They were asked to give a score between 1 and 5 on their satisfaction with different aspects of the league, with 1 being not at all satisfied. Overall 75 parents and 19 coaches responded to the survey. The feedback received was good overall with the parents scoring the overall satisfaction of the league at 3.71 and the coaches at 4.05. The main comments about what parents would like to see changed is no games on Friday nights and games not starting so late at night.

Comments from the Board:

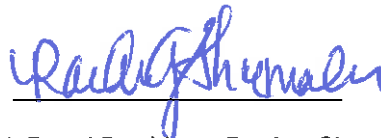
Carrie Plassmeyer stated that the times she has visited Harke Park that it has been packed but she asked about the no smoking signs that were up in the park? John stated that they were removed when the fence was removed but they would have them installed again.

Comments from the Public

Cliff Claxton thanked the Board for all their help with the relocation of the Camp Joy Motel and their continued support of the Route 66 Board. He also asked about the timeline of the amphitheater at Boswell Park, he stated their biggest expense for the festival is the renting of a stage and that the amphitheater would keep them from having to spend that money. He also asked about the possibility of a flagpole being added to the park. John suggested adding a flagpole to the design of the new sign that is planned for the park.

John commented that he received a phone call from the Walters family about the flagpole that they had donated at Nelson Park football field and asked if it would be moved to the new park. John said that he would like to purchase a new flagpole for the new Nelson Park and move the plaque from the old flagpole to the new flagpole.

Bob Mowery made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by RaeAnne Reid. All approved.



Park Board President, RaeAnn Shoemaker