

CITY OF LEBANON
PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 14, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Park Board of the City of Lebanon, Missouri, met in Regular Session on August 14, 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, Chris Wall, and Neal Wilkinson. Absent: None.

Board Member Wilkinson joined via FaceTime.

A quorum was declared.

Staff members and others in attendance: Park Director John Shelton, Assistant Park Director Elliot Wilburn, Communications Manager Derek Gean, and Deputy City Clerk Lacey Brackett.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Smith moved and Allen seconded to approve the July 17, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried as follows: Yea: (9) Allen, Gideon, Goforth, Plassmeyer, Shadel, Smith, Stewart, Wall, and Wilkinson. Nay: (0) None. Absent: (0) None.

JUNE 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT

Park Director John Shelton presented the financial report and reported that the fund was in good shape and revenues were good. Shelton advised that Finance Director, Kat Gill, would no longer be with the city and commended Gill for all her dedication and work.

DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATIONS

Jaden Connor Memorial Batting Cages Dedication

President Carrie Plassmeyer introduced the parents of Jaden Connor and invited them to share their thoughts regarding the upcoming dedication.

Jasha Connor expressed her desire to integrate Jaden's mission into the dedication. She discussed her wish to display a photograph of Jaden along with his sports jerseys as part of the event.

Board Member Wilkinson proposed the idea of incorporating a ceremonial first pitch, which was met with positive feedback. Board Member Shadel offered her expertise to assist in the preparation of the dedication.

The Board engaged in a discussion regarding the event's plans, which was decided to be held on the evening of September 6th. Communications Manager Derek Gean shared he would be helping

promote the event.

Park Director Shelton concluded the conversation by sharing that the batting cages were used very frequently and citizens enjoyed them.

Skate Park Shade

President Plassmeyer mentioned that in the last meeting, the idea of adding shade at the Skate Park came up, and the Board wanted to discuss pricing at this meeting. She pointed out that the shade structures would need proper engineering and asked if the Skate Park users were interested in having shade, considering the cost.

Shelton explained that the project would have to come from extra funds since it wasn't in the budget. He showed a couple of different shade structures, and it was mentioned that the shade alone would cost around \$11,000.

Patrons of the skate park who utilize it frequently, shared they would like to see the money invested in equipment rather than shade, sharing that more equipment would make the park more desirable.

One of the patrons, Daniel Ervin shared his family enjoyed the skate park and he had been instrumental in keeping the Skate Park clean and offered to use his contacts with companies in St. Louis to potentially help lower the project costs, if that's something the Board was interested in.

Atchley Park Update

Shelton mentioned that the resurfacing of Atchley Parking Lot was delayed because of the weather, but they were hopeful it would get started this week. He also shared that Olsson was still working on the drawings.

Wallace Park Update

Shelton provided some updates: the pickleball courts were open, sidewalks had been added, and basketball goals had been ordered. He also mentioned that the project might have wrapped up under budget.

Assistant Parks Director Elliot Wilburn reported that the pickleball courts were very popular, although there had been some minor vandalism in the park bathrooms. He noted that the bathrooms didn't have timed locks, but there were security cameras in place.

The Board discussed the appeal of the Wallace Building, and Shelton shared that the building was set to receive some improvements.

Board Member Wilkinson added that many people were excited about the pickleball courts and had already purchased paddles to play.

Boswell Aquatic Center Report

Wilburn presented the report, noting that numbers had decreased from the previous year. However, the pool was only opened for 47 days this year and last year the pool was open for 60 days.

Shelton reported that the Fire Department had training scheduled for the following week, and that the pool would be drained after the training was completed.

Gideon expressed concern about leaks in the slides, which he noticed during a recent pool party. Shelton responded that the slides had experienced leaks in certain areas since their installation, due to the type of slides used.

With the Board reviewing the report, Shelton shared he wanted to open ideas for the future of the Boswell Aquatic Center. A discussion commenced and Shelton shared local aquatic centers and approximate costs for the project.

Board Member Stewart suggested enhancing the space around the pool by adding turf and yard games, making it more appealing and providing guests with additional activities. The Board responded positively to this idea.

Plassmeyer added that they review pool plans every year after the report is presented and suggested that the Board could consider a joint meeting with the Council to propose ideas. She noted that the discussion could continue in future meetings.

POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS


None.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Shelton shared he had received good comments regarding the updates to Wallace Park.

ADJOURNMENT

President Carrie Plassmeyer declared the meeting adjourned at 1:16 pm.



Park Board President Carrie Plassmeyer

Minutes Approved: September 11, 2024