

# City of Lebanon Park Board Meeting

**Winfrey Property**

**25573 Highway 5**

**Meeting Minutes: October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**In Attendance:**

**Park Board Members:** Max Meckem, RaeAnn Shoemaker, Bob Mowery, Raeanne Reid, Jacob Hedges, Carrie Plassmeyer and Jim Garrison. **Media:** Steve Smith **Staff:** Director of Parks John Shelton, Assistant Director of Parks Elliot Wilburn, and Communication Manager Derek Gean.

RaeAnn Shoemaker called the meeting to order.

Max Meckem made a motion to approve the September 11<sup>th</sup> minutes. The motion was seconded by Raeanne Reid. All approved.

**Nelson Park Update:**

John Shelton reported that irrigation had been installed on all the ball fields and they were beginning the installation of the irrigation on the t ball fields. He also stated that the company installing the irrigation on the fields talked to him about installing irrigation on the soccer fields while they are here and that it would save quite a bit of money to do it now instead of having to come back in a few years to install. He also said that he talked with the Lebanon Soccer Association about partnering together and splitting the cost to install the irrigation. John estimated that the cost would be less then \$30,000 for the parks to pay and they could take money from park funds that was going to be put towards a new truck and mower this year. He stated that the mower was already been replaced due to a fire that insurance paid for and they would just hold off a year for the purchase of a new truck.

Bob Mowery made a motion to spend up to \$30,000 for the installation of irrigation on the soccer fields. The motion was seconded by Raeanne Reid. All approved.

**Van Buren Street Land:**

John reported to the Board that the City was changing the layout of Van Buren Street and it would leave a small piece of land that could possibly be used for the parks. He said he didn't have and set ideas but thought it would be a great place for a possible fountain and some picnic tables. The location could be used for people in the downtown area to have a place to eat lunch.

**Dog Park Update:**

John commented on the recent updates to the dog park that included a new sign, a fire hydrant, a couple picnic tables, some landscaping, and some new toys for dogs to play on. He also thanked Lowe's Home Improvement for the work and donation to the project. He said since their work has been completed, he has received 2 calls from local businesses wanting to possibly donate for even more upgrades to the dog park.

**Gasconade Park Lights:**

The Board was shown pictures of the new lights that have been added to Gasconade Park which include lights on the flagpole, the new front entrance, and lights throughout the park. The addition of lights will hopefully cut down on vandalism and make patrons feel safer at night.

**Anniversary Celebration:**

Elliot Wilburn reported that next September will be the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lebanon's first park and that he thinks it would be a great idea to have an event in the park. They could do things such as inflatables, food trucks, have a band perform, and a movie. John suggested a Back to the Future theme of the event and said if

the Board was in favor of this event, he would like to see a committee formed to start working on ideas for the event.

**Christmas in the Park:**

Elliot stated that Christmas in the Park would be held on Friday December 6<sup>th</sup>. The event has added a photo booth this year and is also trying to add a few food trucks to the event as well. He welcomed any ideas from the Board and asked for volunteers for the event.

**Comments from the Board:**

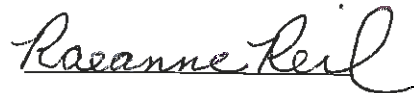
John commented that 3 of the seasonal park staff that had been hired this year are currently going to college and their 6 months they can work will be completed way before the number of hours they were budgeted to work has happened. He stated with Christmas in the Park and the many other projects that are going on that it would benefit the department if they were changed from seasonal employees to part-time employees.

Jacob Hedges made a motion to change the 3 seasonal employee's jobs to part-time employees. The motion was seconded by Raeanne Reid. All approved.

**Comments from the Public:**

There were no comments from the public.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Raeanne Reid".

Park Board Vice President, Raeanne Reid