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## Cameron Park Board Meeting

July 24, 2014

6:00 pm

Cameron City Hall

### **Members Present:**

Chairman Bill Gimson

Al Briggs

Jennifer Helmich

Jason Jones

Jamey McVicker – arrive 6:23pm

Tad Pruitt

### **Members Absent:**

Kari Teel

Carrie Sybert

### **Others Attending:**

Drew Bontrager – Public Works Director

Chris Johnson, Cameron Newspaper

Steve Garr

Chairman Gimson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

### **Approval of July 1, 2014 Minutes**

*Ms. Briggs made a motion to approve minutes of the July 1, 2014 meeting; seconded by Mr. Pruitt. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 5, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 3.*

### **Public Participation**

None

### **Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Garr reported that revenue is beginning to come in on the Shelter House rentals. Currently there has been approximately \$200 in revenue brought in.

There have been a few minimal complaints about the new charges.

Mr. Garr stated that the Parks Department is cleaning the shelter houses more often and making sure the trash is emptied more frequently.

It was also reported that issues with the website and renting the shelter houses at City Hall are being worked out as presented. If individuals reserve the shelter houses and pay online, there is a small convince fee; however, if they come into City Hall the cost is only \$5.00 per hour.

### **Director/Foreman's Report**

#### **A: Park Updates**

The work on the Basketball courts is almost completed with the fence and goals completely installed. Lights will be installed soon.

The message sign has been installed in Recreation Park by the restrooms. Mr. Garr will post the calendars for shelter house rentals and other advertisements as needed.

Mr. Garr would like to place something around the message board to keep people from driving through the park and volleyball court area.

Mr. Bontrager reported that the storm sewer work is being completed and a new storm sewer box should be installed by the tennis courts the beginning of August.

Lawns Unlimited is to seed and finish up the landscaping in the area before school starts.

The Tennis Courts have been patched and painted. In the next few years, the Board will need to make a decision about replacing the courts or completing a major repair on them.

A new backboard has been ordered for the tennis courts and should arrive soon.

### **Old Business**

#### **A: Playground Equipment at Recreation Park**

Mr. Jones stated that the sign for the new playground at Recreation Park should be finished sooner than expected. Mr. Bontrager will contact the sign company and see if they need additional information or approval.

The Board is still waiting to receive a quote for the installation of foundation and footings for the new playground from Center and Miracle.

After an installation date is set for the new playground, Mr. McVicker will talk to the donators to see if they would be willing to donate time to install. Mr. Garr will also check with the school to see if they are willing to help.

### **New Business**

#### **A: New Board Member**

Richard Whalen submitted his name and resume to become a new Board member, replacing Michael Teegarden.

Ms. Briggs made a motion to accept Richard Whalen's application as a new Park Board member; seconded by Ms. Helmich. *On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 6, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 2.*

#### **B: Score Boards**

Chairman Gimson asked what was being done with the old scoreboards at the Baseball Fields as he knows an individual who is interested in purchasing them.

Mr. Bontrager stated that the scoreboards cannot be donated - they must be purchased after they are bid out.

Mr. Garr stated that the scoreboards are currently in storage.

Mr. Garr will check with the Elk's to see if they would want to purchase them.

### **Miscellaneous**

#### **A: Earl Park**

At the last meeting, a citizen expressed concern about the shape of Earl Park and suggested hiring someone to take care of the Park.

Mr. Garr reported that Zack Workman from Lawns Unlimited has a plan to fix the fountain by putting in a new well to have a stronger current and for more water availability. This will help with the loss of water due to evaporation.

Zack Workman also suggested covering the fountain in the spring and fall to help with debris.

The Board asked Mr. Garr about the care of Earl Park.

Mr. Garr suggested hiring a part time employee to take care of the flowers and landscaping at Earl and McCorkle Park. The current Park's staff is not knowledgeable enough in flower care to properly take care of the flowers and other landscaping.

Ms. Helmich stated that this would be a good idea to hire someone for next season but is not worth hiring someone for the remainder of this season.

Mr. Garr recommends hiring an additional summer staff individual from April to November to maintain the flowers and general beautification of the Parks.

Mr. McVicker stated that he would like to budget a part time person for the 2015 year to assist with beautification issues in the Parks.

**B: Volleyball Courts**

Chairman Gimson asked about putting new sand in the sand volleyball courts at Recreation Park.

Mr. Garr stated that new sand was put in at the beginning of the year. Next year, Mr. Garr will look into getting finer (better) sand; however, it will be a higher cost.

**Adjourn**

*Chairman Gimson entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Helmich. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 6, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 2.*

The next scheduled meeting of the Park Board will be at 6:00 on August 28, 2014 at City Hall.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:50 pm.

*Chris Martin  
Secretary Recorder  
Cameron, MO 64429*

*Bill Gimson  
8/28/14*