

Cameron Park Board Meeting

October 22, 2015

6:00 pm

Cameron City Hall

Members Present:

Acting Chairman - Jason Jones
Al Briggs
Wendy Copple
Jennifer Helmich
Richard Whalen

Members Absent:

Cory Brown
Chairman Bill Gimson
Ruth Hammontree
Carrie Sybert

Others Attending:

Drew Bontrager – Public Works Director
Steve Garr
Chris Johnson – Cameron Newspaper

Acting Chairman Jason Jones called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Approval of September 24, 2015 Minutes

Ms. Briggs made a motion to approve minutes of the September 24, 2015 meeting; seconded by Ms. Copple. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 5, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 4.

Public Participation

Morgan Chote, senior tennis player at the Cameron High School approached the Board and presented an idea that the Cameron tennis courts be named in honor of Coach Lanny Wake as he has made a huge impact on the tennis team and the sport in general.

Chairman Jones asked what Ms. Chote had in mind, i.e. sign or plaque.

Ms. Chote stated that either idea would be acceptable.

Chairman Jones asked what kind of funding would be used for the sign or plaque.

Ms. Chote stated that she was not necessarily asking the Park Board for financial assistance, she was planning on paying for the plaque herself.

Mr. Jones asked Mr. Bontrager if there would be an issue with donating the tennis courts to Lanny Wake.

Mr. Bontrager stated that he would have to look into it to know for sure.

Ms. Briggs stated that when Earl Park was dedicated, the City Manager at the time looked into the idea and everything was acceptable.

Ms. Chote stated that she would like to donate the lower court, not the top court.

Mr. Garr stated that the lower court is owned 100% by the City.

Mr. Bontrager stated that he would look into the legal aspect.

Mr. Whalen asked about what the sign would look like.

Mr. Chote stated that she would like his name and that it was dedicated by the 2015 tennis team.

Mr. Jones directed Ms. Chote to work with Mr. Garr on the specifics of the *project*.

Mr. Whalen made a motion to have Mr. Bontrager pursue the legalities of the sign and if approved to move ahead with the project and allow up to \$300 for proper installation; seconded by Ms. Helmich. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 5, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 4.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Bontrager stated that the new fiscal year began on October 1, 2015 and the budget was approved by City Council.

Director/Foreman's Report

Volleyball Court

Lawns Unlimited has seeded the area around the new volleyball court sidewalk. During the month of November, Duffy Reynolds Construction will install the underground drain lines. Once this is complete, additional sand will be added to the volleyball courts.

Trash Receptacles

This fall, new trash receptacles will be installed in the parks. A grant was received to purchase recycling receptacles which will be purchased and installed in the parks at the same time as the trash receptacles.

Security

The details are still being worked out for the security cameras at Recreation Park. The fiber will be installed in the near future which will allow for a video feed. The cameras should be installed soon.

Ice Rink

In mid-December, the ice skating rink will be installed. The rink will be monitored by cameras.

Park Lighting

The additional park lighting will not be installed until the spring.

Trees

There is a dead tree in Recreation Park near the tennis courts. Instead of paying just to remove the tree, a proposal was presented for Board discussion to have Larry's Wooden Wonders, a local company, carve the stump into a sculpture. The tree is ideally shaped for something such as an eagle holding a Cameron banner. The work could be completed in one week and is estimated to cost \$1,400. The cost includes all cutting, carving, painting, sealing and clean-up.

The Board liked the idea, but stated they would like to see if a dragon is possible.

Mr. Garr stated that cameras in Recreation Park will monitor the carving.

Mr. Bontrager stated that the City is working on replacing other trees in Recreation Park and other City parks.

Vandalism

Mr. Bontrager stated that the vandalism to the Soccer Complex and the Veterans Memorial is still being investigated by the Police Department.

Holiday Lighting

Mr. Garr stated that the Christmas lighting display will be installed the Monday before Thanksgiving. Holiday Technology will come back to help reinstall the lighting system.

Mr. Garr stated the station for the music portion of the lighting will be changed and the signal strength increased.

This year no new additional lighting will be added to the show in Recreation Park as new lights were purchased for the lamp posts in the downtown area along 3rd Street and around McCorkle Park. More trees will also be lit at McCorkle Park.

All of the ground displays will be at Recreation Park this year west of the pool by the tennis courts.

The parade this year will be an evening parade which will end at Recreation Park with a meet and great with Santa Clause.

Ditch/Trench at Recreation Park

The school will be doing dirt work on their property for the installation of their new playground. Therefore, the road will possibly be eliminated, allowing for more parking and drainage work at that time.

More information to follow as available.

Old Business

A: Ballfields

Mr. Whalen stated that he would like to get things moving again with the discussion of the schools using the City's facilities. He would like to put a plan together to present to the School Board.

Mr. Bontrager instructed the Board to send all ideas/plans to him and he will forward them to the entire Board upon receipt.

New Business

A: Aquatic Facility and Ball Park Funding

The City Manager has been directed to place a standing agenda item on both the City Council and Parks and Recreation Board agenda for public participation on issues related to the acquisition of funding for the pool and ball parks. The standing agenda item will continue for the remainder of 2015 and be extended as needed.

A request will be made to all philanthropic and social organizations asking them to invite a representative of the committee to present their draft proposal during the month of October.

No representatives were present at the meeting to discuss.

Miscellaneous

The November/December meeting has been combined for one meeting on December 9, 2015.

Adjourn

Ms. Briggs made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Whalen. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 5, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 4.

The next scheduled meeting of the Park Board will be at 6:00 on December 9, 2015 at City Hall.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:37 pm.

Chris Martin

Secretary Recorder

Cameron, MO 64429

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