

Cameron Park Board Meeting
May 25, 2017
6:00 pm
Cameron City Hall

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Members Present:

Chairman – Bill Gimson
Al Briggs
Cory Brown
Wendy Copple
Jennifer Helmich
Jason Jones
Carrie Sybert
Richard Whalen

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Members Absent:

Ruth Hammontree

Others Attending:

Drew Bontrager – Public Works Director
Steve Garr
Annette Bauer – Cameron Newspaper

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

Approval of April 28, 2017 Minutes

Ms. Copple made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2017 meeting; seconded by Ms. Sybert. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 8, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 1.

Public Participation

Shayla Shipley, representing the Cameron Chamber of Commerce, was present and asked the Board if the Chamber would be able to hold “Backyard Games” in Recreation Park for the 4th of July again this year from 4:00pm-7:00pm.

The Board gave their blessing on the activity.

Ms. Shipley stated that the Chamber is also looking for dunk tank volunteers. If anyone is interested, they are to contact Shayla or any member of the Chamber.

Treasurer’s Report

No comment.

Director/Foreman’s Report

McCorkle Park Reservations

McCorkle Park has been reserved for many events already this summer. The normal 4th of July events will be held on the 4th, the Chamber has reserved the park for August 21st for an Eclipse Painting, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints has reserved the park on August 26th for a Luau and Crossroads Crush will be held on October 7th.

Arbor Day

Arbor Day activities were held on April 24th. In cooperation with Parkview Elementary, Cameron Intermediate School and the Missouri Department of Conservation, an Autumn Gold Ginko tree was planted with the Kindergarten class in Kelsey Park. The tree was purchased through Marshall Nursery. A plaque will be displayed with the tree displaying the class year of 2029 along with the type of tree.

Annually, each class is brought back to their tree every year through fifth grade and a class picture is taken. The plan is to bring the classes back as seniors for a final class picture.

Ability KC

Three youth began working with the Park's Staff and Mr. Garr on Monday, May 22nd through the Ability KC work program.

Basketball Court Project

The basketball court project was slated to be completed in June. Currently, the project is running 1 – 1 ½ months behind due to storm water repairs and city schedules.

School District Maintenance Contract

A meeting was held with Dr. Robinson to discuss the maintenance partnership with the School District for the usage of the Park's fields at Park Valley. Currently, a draft agreement is being worked through. The agreement is close for School District review and will be brought back to the Board for final approval. The agreement includes the maintenance of fields and surrounding areas by the School District staff. A draft should be available for review by the Board by the next meeting and in place prior to the start of the School Baseball season.

During the joint Council/School/Park Board meeting, Dr. Robinson publicly stated the School District is interested in purchasing the 10-acre Park Valley Complex. This could be a mutually beneficial sale; however, it is recommended that the discussion is deferred until after the Master Plan is completed.

Batting Cages

The batting cages the school proposed to construct did not work out as planned due to the grade and level of the ground. They are now moving the location of the batting cages to the hard surface just west of Parkview. They will be located on school property; however, they are still open to the public.

New Business

A: Dog Park Fence Bid

In June 2016, the Board agreed to construct a 1,100 LF fence for a dog park. At the request of Dr. Carr, additional lineal feet were added to the bid. The Board approved approximately 1,100 LF and the bids were at 1,315 LF.

A total of six bids were received. The lowest bid received was from Challenger Fence Co, Inc. from Bonner Springs, KS. The total for the fence only was \$16,240.25. Bid Alternate 1 for a bottom brace was \$2,682.60 and Bid Alternate 2 for black PVC was \$5,052.50.

There will be a big dog and small dog area and large gates installed for maintenance, mowing, etc.

The bottom rail is recommended. Through research, it has been determined that it will help keep dogs safe as they will dig and push at the gate. The black coat option is a nice coating feature for aesthetic purposed only.

The total for the project, including Bid Alternates 1 & 2 is \$26,388.35.

Ms. Helmich stated that she cannot justify spending this much money on a dog park.

Mr. Brown stated that the bottom rail is needed; however, the black coating is not needed. The dog park idea is great; however, the timing is odd due to the pending survey and master plan.

Mr. Bontrager stated that the dog park is included in this year's budget. It is also cheaper to build a larger dog park up front instead of adding to it at a later date.

Mr. Brown asked about building a large dog park now and adding the small dog park at a later date

Mr. Bontrager stated that this would eliminate one double gate and approximately 2,130 LF.

Chairman Gimson stated that the dog park is in the budget and he does not see a negative impact on the survey. This is not a large project.

Mr. Jones stated that he would like to wait for the survey to be returned before a dog park is built to see what the community wants.

Mr. Brown made a motion to accept the low bid of \$18,653.25 from Challenger Fence for the construction of a 1,315 LF of chain link fence with Bid Alternate #1 for a bottom rail at \$2,682.60; seconded by Ms. Briggs. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 5, nays – 3 (Helmich, Jones, Whalen), abstentions – 0, absent – 1.

B: Park Board Member Appointments

The terms of Al Briggs, Cory Brown and Carrie Sybert expire at the end of May. All three members have agreed to serve another term.

After a short discussion, the Board recommended that City Council re-appoint of all three members to the Park Board.

C: Park Valley Restrooms

During the March meeting, the Board requested two different drawings and bid estimates on a simple stick frame built restroom. The requested plans and construction bid estimates were provided to the Board. Construction estimates for both are based on \$85 per SF; however, the square foot price has been averaging around \$100 per SF. The traditional two-unit restroom is 470 SF with the estimated construction cost of \$39,984. The traditional uni-sex, three-unit restroom is 571.2 SF with an estimated construction cost of \$48,552.

The original budget for the restroom was \$85,000.

Mr. Garr stated that the current restroom facility was improved with new doors, toilets and sinks.

Ms. Helmich stated that due to Dr. Robinson's comment about purchasing Park Valley the restroom project may need to be placed on hold.

Mr. Brown stated that the current restroom facility is a problem and needs and upgrade no matter the situation.

Mr. Whalen stated that he would like to wait on the project.

Mr. Bontrager stated that the Master Plan should be 100% completed by the end of the fiscal year which ends September 30, 2017.

Mr. Whalen made a motion to table the restroom project at this time; seconded by Ms. Briggs. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 6, nays – 2 (Jones and Sybert), abstentions – 0, absent – 1.

Old Business

None

Miscellaneous

A: City Sports and Weather

Mr. Whalen asked who is to call a sports game if bad weather, i.e. lightning, begins.

Chairman Gimson stated that whoever is responsible for the event is responsible for calling an event due to the weather. This is spelled out in the usage agreement.

B: Vendors in Parks

Mr. Whalen asked about the rules for vendors in City Parks and how they are regulated.

Mr. Bontrager stated that it depends on the event. If someone is wanting to be a vendor in the City, they need to contact City Hall to begin the process.

C: Aquatic Facility

The Aquatic Facility will open Memorial Day weekend; however, due to the temperature of the water, it may not be open to the public.

Adjourn

Ms. Briggs made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Copple. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 8, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 1.

The next scheduled meeting of the Park Board is scheduled for June 22, 2017 at 6:00 at City Hall.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 pm.

*Chris Martin
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