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Cameron Park Board Meeting
Thursday, April 25, 2019
6:00 pm
Cameron City Hall

Members Present:

Richard Whalen
Al Briggs
Wendy Copple
Jennifer Helmich
Chairman – Jason Jones
Carrie Sybert

Members Absent:

Bill Gimson
Cory Brown

Others Attending:

Drew Bontrager
Steve Garr
Steve Rasmussen

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

Approval of March 28, 2019 Minutes

Ms. Copple made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2019 meeting; seconded by Ms. Briggs. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 6, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 2.

1. Public Participation

John Feighert III thanked the Park Board for their hard work. Feighert stated he was disappointed in one the Park Board members for the voting intimidation that he saw during the last election. He stated all board members should be positive towards the community.

2. Treasurer's Report

None.

3. Director/Foreman's Report

Drew Bontrager

Arbor Day will take place tomorrow, April 26. Marshall Trees & Nursey donated a Shumard Oak to be planted for the class of 2031. This is the first year the senior class will get to go back and see the tree they planted. Steve Garr was able to find an online QR code that can be accessed from your phone. You will be able to see pictures from the class from the day the tree was planted and from when they graduation High School.

Zac Zincaid has completed the Eagle Scout Project to remove the fitness equipment in Recreation Park. They will move the equipment to the trails. Street work, sidewalk and storm sewer work will begin along Park Avenue, where the equipment was located.

Kathy Turner provided information that she has seen an increase in usage at the Dog Park. She reported last year 52 dog park tags were sold and so far this year 44 tags have been sold.

Walk and Wags will take place on Saturday May 4 at 9:00am at Recreation Park. FFA is partnering with the City of Cameron to help bring awareness to the need of pet license. Dog park tags and other recreation opportunities will take place. Games and activities will be available for pets to do. Free lunch donation will be available.

The inclusive swing will be installed the end of May or the first of June. The equipment is already in house. The surfacing will be synthetic turf, costing \$28,000. In August the City Council approved to pay \$14,000. Bids will be sent out for the turf. Manion Complete Concrete will pour the sidewalk.

Memorial for Veterans – Benches & Trees

Drew stated there is currently a policy in place that allows for memorial benches and trees for veterans. Since the memorial has started in 2008 the price of trees and benches has increased. Discussion held.

Jennifer Helmich made a motion to increase the memorial benches from \$1,300 to \$2,000 and the memorial trees from \$250 to \$500; seconded by Mr. Whalen. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 6, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 2

The terms of Jennifer Helmich, Jason Jones and Richard Whalen expire at the end of May. Drew asked if there was interest in serving again. All three members expressed interest. Drew stated the board will need to add Park Board member's terms to New Business.

Steve Garr

Staff is starting to work on the pool, basic patching and maintenance needs to be done every year.

Chairman Jason Jones asked when will the water fountains be turned on

Mr. Garr stated they need to replace valves on some of the fountains, replacement kits have been ordered. They are waiting for the weather to be warmer before the fountains are turned on so they do not freeze and crack.

4. New Business

A: Nathan Stock with Cameron Disc Golf Club – Upcoming Events

Nathan expressed his appreciation for all the work that has been done to the disc golf course since the March meeting. Paige, a Pro Disc Golfer, stopped by the Cameron Disc Golf to play on her way to Emporia, Kansas. Nathan had a chance to talk with her asking what brought her to Cameron. Paige stated the reviews on UDisc were great and that she loved the amenities in the area.

The Disc Golf Club has three events coming up. They will be talking to the School Board soon as they would like to get kids involved. The club would like to see a large course in the future.

Chairman Jason Jones stated the Disc Golf Club has done good job promoting the town and disc golf and the park board appreciates the feedback. Unfortunately, space is tight at Recreation Park however, he is not against looking into a bigger course at the land behind Wal-Mart.

B: Park Board Terms

Jennifer Helmich, Jason Jones and Richard Whalen terms expire at the end of May. All three members expressed their interest in renewing their term.

C: Park Board Member Applications

Drew stated the Park Board Member vacancy was advertised in the paper and on the city website to fill the remainder of Ruth Sears two year term. Applications were submitted by Matt Arndt, Kevin Moore, Brittany Murdock and Quinten Lovejoy.

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MATT'S HEALTHY WOODS & WILDLIFE
~~Missouri Consulting Foresters~~

Matt Arndt introduced himself to the Park Board. Matt works for ~~Missouri Consulting Foresters~~ and has lived in Cameron 5 years.

Kevin Moore introduced himself to the Park Board. Kevin works in Kansas City for a Commercial Construction Company and has lived in Cameron for 16 years. Kevin stated he is interested in getting involved with the City of Cameron.

Chairman Jason Jones stated he believes Matt would be a great fit because of his knowledge and he will bring something new to the table.

Ms. Copple stated she believes Kevin would be a great fit because of his construction background as no current member on the board has construction knowledge and this will help with building projects in the future.

Chairman Jason Jones nominated Matt Arndt to fill the voided position on Park Board; seconded by Richard Whalen. Motion passed with the following roll call vote. Park Board Members: "Aye" Richard Whalen, Al Briggs, Jason Jones. "Nay" Wendy Copple, Jennifer Helmich and Carrie Sybert. Absent: Bill Gimson and Cory Brown.

Wendy Copple nominated Kevin Moore to fill the voided position on Park Board, seconded by Jennifer Helmich. Motion failed with the following roll call vote. Park Board Members: "Aye" Wendy Copple, Jennifer Helimch. "Nay" Richard Whalen, Al Briggs, Jason Jones, and Carrie Sybert. Absent: Bill Gimson and Cory Brown.

Carrie Sybert nominated Brittany Murdock to fill the voided position on Park Board, seconded by Richard Whalen. Motion failed with the following roll call vote. Park Board Member: "Aye" Carrie Sybert. "Nay" Richard Whalen, Al Briggs, Wendy Copple, Jason Jones, Jennifer Helmich. Absent Bill Gimson and Cory Brown.

The Park Board members recommended Matt Arndt to the City Council to fill the remainder of Ruth Sears two year term.

5. Old Business

Mr. Whalen thanked Lanny and Steve for moving the bridge at Recreation Park. Mr. Whalen stated he saw many families using the bridge for pictures during Easter and the bridge added to the area.

6. Miscellaneous

Mr. Whalen stated the park restroom vandalism is out of control and asked if the bathrooms can be locked at certain parts of the day

Steve Garr stated it is hard to lock the bathrooms during the day for parents/families that need to use the facilities. Steve stated they continue to monitor the area along with help from the Cameron Police Department.

7. Executive Session

Ms. Copple moved to go into Executive Session at 7:06 p.m. Ms. Sybert seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following roll call vote. Park Board Members: "Aye" Richard Whalen, Al Briggs, Wendy Copple, Jason Jones, Jennifer Helmich and Carrie Sybert. "Nay" none. Absent: Cory Brown and Bill Gimson.

The board entered into Executive Session. Please see attached minutes.

Adjourn

Ms. Copple made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Briggs. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 6, nays – 0, abstentions –0, absent – 2.

The next scheduled meeting of the Park Board is May 23, 2019 at 6:00pm at City Hall.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:20 pm.

Katherine Hahn
Secretary Recorder
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