

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Cameron Park Board
August 27, 2009
City Council Chambers, Cameron, Missouri

Item 1. Call to Order

Chairman Gimson called the meeting to order at 6:06p.m.

Members Present:

Chairman Bill Gimson
Phil Robinson
Matthew Archibald
Dr. Alan Lovejoy
Matt Jameson
Al Briggs

Members Absent:

Carrie Whitaker
Rob Balliett
Krista Helton

Others Present:

Drew Bontrager~ Public Works Director
Steve Garr ~ Parks Maintenance Foreman
Frank Buck~ City Council
Mark Carr ~ City Council
David Fry
Clint Watkins
Ryan Dennison

Mrs. Briggs made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 25th Meeting; seconded by Mr. Lovejoy; Approved unanimously.

Item 2. Public Participation

A. Ryan Dennison addressed the Board stating that he was working on his Eagle Scout award. He told the Board that for his Community project he would like to be able to clean up the Pavilion at the park by the swimming pool.

Chairman Gimson asked Dennison when he would like to begin working on this project.

Dennison commented that after the Park Board gave him permission for the project he would then have to get the approval from the Scout Council, before beginning.

Mr. Jameson asked if this was something that the Board could help Dennison with.

Mr. Garr stated that he felt the project was a good idea and it was definitely something that they could help out with.

Chairman Gimson told Dennison to get all of his information to Mr. Garr, and to coordinate with him.

Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the Pavilion to be used as the Eagle Scout project for Mr. Dennison; Mrs. Briggs seconded; Approved unanimously.

Ryan Dennison thanked the Board for their approval and stated that he would be in contact with Mr. Garr upon Scout Council approval.

B. Clint Watkins and David Fry addressed the Board separately but with the same concern. They were concerned about the safety of the skaters when the bicycles were being used at the Skate Park. Both gentlemen mentioned several instances where kids had either been hurt, or run off by the bikers not obeying the rules, or just “taking over” the Skate Park by not allowing room for the skaters.

Mr. Watkins also stated that even though the rules specifically stated “No Scooters” and “BMX Bikes Only” there have been numerous occasions that scooters are on the Skate Park, as well as “all” types of bicycles.

Chairman Gimson asked Mr. Fry and Mr. Watkins what the ages of the children were that seemed to be causing the issue and also if it seemed to be the same kids all the time.

Mr. Fry stated the ages were approximately 14-18 years old and it did seem to be the same kids each time, at least with the bicycle issues; stating the issue with the scooters were the younger kids.

Mr. Watkins wanted to Board to know that he and Mr. Fry would gladly volunteer their time to help police the Skate Park. However, without some type of identification as “Park Staff” the kids, and in some instances even the parents did not follow the instructions given by them when they tried to intercede.

Mr. Garr commented that other communities have certain days when “BMX” is allowed and other days for the skaters.

Mr. Bontrager stated that he felt it would still be an enforcement issue, and if the rules weren't currently being followed, regardless of what days were designated, enforcement would still be an issue.

Mr. Carr asked the Board about installing surveillance equipment, stating that there are cameras that are motion activated. This would allow surveillance while there were skaters at the Park, yet not run continually when the park was empty.

Mr. Bontrager stated this issue had been discussed, but the mounting height would cause a problem. He commented that street light poles were going to be placed along Burlington Road, and once this was done, cameras could then be set in place.

Chairman Gimson stated they he agreed, cameras definitely needed to be in place at the Skate Park, and asked Mr. Bontrager if it would be possible for him to speak with Mitch Elliott (City attorney) about giving citations to those at the Skate Park that were not abiding by the rules.

Mr. Bontrager said he would follow up on both of these issues and have the information for the Board to review at the next meeting.

Mr. Jameson addressed Mr. Fry and Mr. Watkins, by saying these options would be tried out first, and for them to please come back to the Board and let them know if there were still issues arising at the Skate Park.

Mr. Bontrager also stated that he would like to check with the City Insurance and see what their position was about volunteers at the Skate Park before the Board decided to go that direction.

Item 3. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Bontrager gave the Board the information for discussion and their review. He also gave them a handout and time line for next fiscal year's Capital Projects. Projects included new mowers, soccer field irrigation, re-painting the swimming pool, addition of shelter area at Soccer Complex.

Item 4. Director/Foreman Report

No new information; the Parks Dept. is just working very hard trying to keep up with all of the mowing, since it has been such a cool wet summer. Mr. Bontrager stated that the summer help has already left and Mr. Garr is doing a great job keeping everything up without them.

Item 5. Swimming Pool Report

Chairman Gimson asked if a final report about the swimming pool had been received from Mary Jo Eiberger.

Mr. Bontrager stated that it had not, but he would follow up with her and have it for the next Board meeting.

Item 6. Skate Park Discussion

Nothing further.

Item 7. Old Business

There was none.

Item 8. New Business

There was none.

Item 9. Adjourn

Mr. Jameson made a motion to adjourn; Mrs. Briggs seconded; approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

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