

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Cameron Park Board
March 26th, 2009
City Council Chambers, Cameron, Missouri

Item 1. Call to Order

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

Members Present:

Chairman Bill Gimson
Matthew Archibald
Rob Balliett
Frank Buck
Philip Robinson
Micheal VanBrunt

Members Absent:

Dr. Alan Lovejoy
Matt Jameson
Carrie Whitaker

Others Present:

Drew Bontrager~ Director of Public Works/ Parks
Steve Garr ~ Parks Maintenance Foreman
Mary Jo Eiberger~ Director Cameron YMCA

Item 2. Minutes from Previous Meetings

Feb. 12th, 2009

Mr. Buck made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting; Mr. Van Brunt seconds. Minutes approved by unanimous vote.

Feb. 22th, 2009

Mr. Buck made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting; Mr. Balliett seconds. Minutes approved by unanimous vote.

Item 3. Public Participation

Elsie Earl and Al Briggs (Cameron Garden Club) are inquiring about a water system project for upper beds at Earl Park. Bids from Lawns Unlimited total \$3,000 for a Toro Sprinkler System.

Mr. Buck made a motion to approve the funding of the sprinkler system and thanked the Garden Club for their continued support and work on beautifying Earl Park for the community. Mr. Balliett seconded. Motion approved by unanimous vote

Jamie Honeycutt commended the Board on the creation of the Skate Park but inquires and urges the board to amend and investigate the possible use of the park by BMX bike riders. Mr. Honeycutt was assured that the Board will further look into

costs and reasons why the City's insurance (MARCIT) did not allow BMX usage. Decisions were tabled until more information could be presented to the board.

Item 4. Treasurer's Report

Discussion was tabled until next meeting, April 23rd (6:00pm at Council Chambers, City Hall), waiting for newest numbers.

Item 5. Director/Forman's Report

Mr. Bontrager reported to the board that a few groups have requested use of park facilities:

Gerrad Bailey contacted City Hall to request use for the Crossroads BBQ, June 26th -27th. They requested the use of McCorkle Park, and surrounding area to be determined and set-up with the City Council and Cameron PD.

Mr. Balliett made a motion to approve the use of McCorkle Park for the Crossroad BBQ pending approval and discussion of activities with the Cameron City Coucil; Mr. Buck seconds. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Kelley Barker contacted City Hall about using McCorkel Park, April 18th, for a Poker Run for Bill Rowe. The park would be used as a start point/registration center.

Mr. Buck made a motion to approve the use of McCorkle Park for the Poker Run pending approval and discussion of activities with the Cameron City Coucil; Mr. Robinson seconds. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Sherry Frazer contacted City Hall about using McCorkle Park, June 26th for the Freedom of the Road Riders Annual Motorcycle Show.

Mr. Gimson made a motion to approve the use of McCorkle Park for the Freedom of the Road Riders Annual Motorcycle Show pending discussion between the Crossroads BBQ and the Road Riders on sharing/splitting facilities; Mr. VanBrunt seconds. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

The Missouri Veterans Home contacted City Hall about using the baseball/softball fields and concession area, Sept 12th. Steve Garr had already contact the Missouri Veterans Home to clarify usage requirements and then checked with the Schools and YMCA schedules to verify availability.

Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the use of the baseball fields and concession area for the Missouri Veterans Home; Mr. Archibald seconds. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Garr, Park Maintenance Foreman, reported that the Prison Green House was preparing flowers for this year's planting. All the Parks Department had to provide

was starting trays and fertilizer supplies. Approximately 4,000 flowers have been started and will be planted by Park staff in the coming weeks.

Mr. Garr also stated that baseball fields 1, 2, and 3 have been fertilized (utilizing the new equipment) and the soccer fields will be fertilized in the coming weeks (weather and usage permitting). Mr. Garr purchased an aerator to go along with the fertilization and feels it will be a nice addition.

Mr. Garr reports that High School Baseball is in full swing. Coordination between the schools and him has been going well.

Mr. Garr and Mr. Bontrager attended the Missouri Parks and Recreation Association's Annual Conference. Both report that the experience was worthwhile, as information and ideas were gained from the conference.

In celebration of National Arbor Day (April 23th) the Parks Dept/City is planting a tree with the current kindergarten classes. A Red Oak will be planted, with the classes' help and a plaque will be placed. A picture will be taken after the planting. A picture will also be taken with last year's kindergarteners and their tree showing the growth of both parties.

Mr. Bontrager stated that a question had been raised concerning the planting of memorial trees. The Hamby's approached the board over a year ago requesting a tree be planted in honor of their mother. The board approved the planting and money was raised. Parks staff has now arrived at the cost for the tree and the family will be contacted with prices and options for planting.

The price list and tree types will be kept for future memorial trees.

Item 7. Old Business

Grants have been written for the American Ramp Co. and Tony Hawk Foundation. The American Ramp grant has been awarded and will provide items to help promote the "Grand Opening" of the skate park (\$3,000-5,000 worth of merchandise and signage).

Item 6. New Business

Documentation of the ongoing Cameron Regional Recreation District was presented for review. Discussion will transpire at a later date.

The amended pool contract was reviewed and discussed. This is the 5th year of a partnership between the City of Cameron and the Cameron YMCA. Director Eiberger was commended for her hard work and the success of the partnered programs.

Mr. Buck made a motion to accept the contract, pending City Council approval, between the Cameron YMCA and the Park Board to manage the pool for the 2009

season; Mr. VanBrunt seconds. Motion approved by unanimous vote, Mr. Robinson recused himself from the vote and discussion.

Other pool business:

The drain has been inspected (last Tuesday, March 17) and a solution has been proposed. The solution is better than the worst case scenario thought by Park staff. More information will follow as the drain needs to be brought up to current codes.

The pool has been pressure tested by the City Water Department and a section of deck was removed to fix a detected leak. Park Staff is investigating ways to fill smaller cracks.

Item 8. Meeting

The next Park Board Meeting will be April 23rd, 2009 in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 6:00pm.

Item 8. Adjourn

Mr. Buck made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Balliet seconded. Motion approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

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