

## **Cameron Park Board Meeting**

April 28, 2011

6:00 pm

Cameron City Hall

### **Members Present:**

Chairman Bill Gimson  
Al Briggs  
Rob Balliett  
Jennifer Helmich  
Matt Jameson (7:15)

### **Members Absent:**

J. Alan Lovejoy  
Matthew Archibald  
Krista Helton

### **Others Attending:**

Drew Bontrager, Public Works Director  
Steve Garr, Parks Director  
David Fry, City Council Member  
Andrew Bottrell, Cameron Citizen Observer  
Jack Briggs, Rotary Club  
Frank Buck, City Council Member  
Kyle Pruitt, Cameron Memorial Golf Course  
Billy Bob Breedon, Missouri/Kansas Croquet Association  
Mary Jo Eiberger, Cameron YMCA  
David Watson, City Manager

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

### **Approval of January Minutes**

*Mrs. Briggs made a motion to approve minutes of the March 24, 2011 meeting; seconded by Mr. Jameson. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 5, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 3.*

### **Public Participation**

#### **Frisbee Golf Course**

Jack Briggs from the Cameron Rotary Club introduced the idea of installing a Frisbee Golf Course in the City of Cameron. It is recommended that approximately 1 -10 acres of land be set aside for the course. The course would set-up on any area with open ground and trees. The sport plays a lot like golf and could have any number of golf holes. The sport would be relatively cheap for players because the only thing that they would need to play is a Frisbee.

Mr. Briggs stated that the Rotary Club is willing to donate \$2,000 to install the course. Mr. Garr has already started looking into areas to put the Frisbee Golf Course.

The Park Board thought that a Frisbee Golf Course would be a good asset to the community. Mr. Garr is to work with the Rotary Club and the School for a suitable area to place the course.

### **Croquet**

Billy Bob Breedon, representative from the Missouri/Kansas Croquet Association, presented the idea of bringing the game of croquet to the City of Cameron. A brief video was shown to the Board which outlined the highlights of the game. To install a croquet course, Mr. Breedon recommended that a 200' x 200' piece of property be set aside which would allow 2-4 games to be played at the same time.

The croquet course would have to be planted and taken care of a lot like a golf green. The sport would take approximately 3-5 years to get started in Cameron. Mr. Breedon also stated that the average cost for developing a croquet field would be approximately \$18,000.

The Park Board suggested that additional research be conducted on the cost and maintenance of the croquet course along with finding out if the community would be of interest.

### **Cameron Golf Course**

Tad Pruitt, representing the Cameron Golf Course, talked to the Board about rehabilitating some of the trails on the golf course and extending some of the trails to the Burlington Reservoir. Mr. Pruitt stated that there is grant money available for this project and he is currently in the application stage. Mr. Pruitt needs a letter of support from the Park Board to complete the application.

The construction will be completed with the grant money and the new trails and other rehabilitation will be maintained by the Golf Course.

*Mr. Balliett moved to draft a letter of support for the rehabilitation of the golf course and present it to City Council for ratification. Mrs. Briggs seconded. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 5, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 3.*

Mr. Bontrager is to draft a letter of support for Mr. Pruitt.

Mr. Pruitt also mentioned some storm water run-off issues at the golf course and the removal of some old trees by Hole #1. Mr. Pruitt questioned if the City had some responsibility in the removal. Mr. Bontrager and Mr. Watson are to review the lease between the City and the Golf Course and determine if the City is responsible.

### **Treasury Report**

No Comment

### **Director/Foreman Report**

The class of 2023 planted a Skyline Locust, donated by Bob Dorton Tree Service, for the Arbor Day celebration.

### **Missouri Department of Conservation Grant**

A survey is currently being conducted on trees in the right of way. The survey will be completed soon. The City was a recipient of a conservation grant which allows all of the trees in the City to be inspected and inventoried. A hazard analysis will be completed to determine if the trees are healthy, in McCorkle Park area.

### **Baseball Fields**

Game Time Athletics will begin work on Field 2 April 28<sup>th</sup> and they hope to complete the renovation as soon as possible so there is minimal interference with the Baseball season.

Maintenance work will be completed on Field 1 and Field 3 this spring. Field 4 also needs some maintenance to get up to par.

## **Shelter House**

The roofs have been completed by Ed Riley Construction on shelter houses 1 and 4.

## **Swimming Pool**

The swimming pool has a 1 year painting contract. They will come up within the next week and do some touch up work on the pool.

The AED battery will be replaced this year. Mr. Garr stated that next year a new AED system will need to be installed.

Mr. Garr stated that new lawn chairs were purchased for the swimming pool over the winter. He suggested that the Park Board look into purchasing some umbrellas to help get families out of the sun. Mr. Garr found that umbrellas and bases can be purchased for approximately \$200-\$300. He suggested that 2-3 umbrellas be purchased to start with and that storage would not be a problem.

Mr. Bontrager recommended to the Park Board that they approve the lease between the City and the YMCA for the management of the pool again this summer. It will be the 7<sup>th</sup> season in partnering with the YMCA. The YMCA will assume responsibility if there is an issue regarding the maintenance of the pool.

*Mrs. Briggs moved to approve the lease between the City and the YMCA for the summer season for the management of the City Pool. Mr. Jameson seconded. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 5, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 3.*

## **Skate Park**

General maintenance and repairs have been made at the shelter house by the Skate Park. There has been interest from the community in reserving and utilizing the shelter house. Mr. Garr reported that as of right now, there has not been any vandalism at the Skate Park.

## **Old Business**

### **Master Park Plan**

Mr. Watson stated that a date has been set-up at the High School on May 20<sup>th</sup> to speak with a class about the future plans of the City. Mr. Watson will work with Mr. Hendee to put the master plan together to present to the Board.

Mr. Watson also stated that a public survey of needs will be conducted. It was asked that the Board submit questions to Mr. Bontrager to be included in the questionnaire.

Mr. Watson would also like to see more community involvement by finding out what the citizens would like to see in their community.

### **Trail System**

Mr. Watson stated that there was some concern by property owners by the trails being renovated by the reservoir and they would like to know more about what is being done. Mr. Bontrager is to have a survey completed to determine the exact property boundaries. The work on the trails will come to a stop soon and work will resume in the fall.

## **Miscellaneous**

April 29<sup>th</sup> will be a city wide trash pick-up day.

## **New Business**

## **Earl Park**

The completion of Earl Park is continuing. A quote was received of approximately \$20,000 which would light up the area, add curbing, fence, and river rock to the park. The discussion will be tabled to the next Park Board meeting so the Board can look the plan over. The Board would like to find a good quality design that will fall more under budget.

Mrs. Briggs asked about the fountain. It was stated that options are being looked into so leaves will not clog up the filter.

## **Adjourn**

*Chairman Gimson entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Mr. Balliett and seconded by Ms. Helmich. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 4, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 4.*

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:25 pm.

Minutes submitted by:  
Chris O'Donnell