

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

February 12, 2014

7:00 PM

City Hall

AGENDA

Public Participation

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes from January 8, 2013

Reports

1. Public Works Report
2. Recreation Report
3. Chairperson's Report

New Business

1. New Recreation Program—Skateboarding 101

Old Business

Information Items

- Next Meeting—March 12, 2014

Adjournment

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

January 8, 2014

City Hall

Park and Recreation Committee met at 7:00 PM. In attendance: Laura Wassmer, Chair, Ashley Weaver, Vice Chair, Maggie Schwartz, Diane Pallanich, Kevin Letourneau, Eric Mikkelson, Tim O'Toole, Peggy Couch. Staff: Danielle Dulin, Keith Bredehoeft, Joyce Hagan-Mundy. Guests: Holly Milledge, Mark Berlino, Jon Christensen, Tina Lloyd, Jori Nelson, George Holter, Judith Holter, Doug Pickert

Ms. Wassmer called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Public Participation

Ms. Holly Milledge, 6426 Sagamore Road, Mission Hills, stated that she is a sponsor for the lacrosse teams in the area. She stated that it is not a school sanctioned sport in the state of Kansas so Shawnee Mission East does not have to supply a field for them to practice on. She asked the Parks and Recreation Committee to consider allowing her teams to reserve the Franklin Park ball fields Monday through Friday 4:30-6:30PM from March 3 to May 10. She indicated that she would be happy to pay to have the fields reseeded or to lay sod in May.

Ms. Wassmer asked Ms. Hagan-Mundy what fields were currently booked. Mr. Hagan-Mundy explained the reservation process and stated that the particular time slots and fields Ms. Milledge is requesting are the most popular. Ms. Wassmer explained that the process has to be fair for all teams and the demand is greater than the supply. She suggested that Ms. Milledge look at other options such as Bennett or Taliaferro Parks.

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes from November 13, 2013
2. Approve SuperPass Interlocal Agreement for 2014
3. Approve Swim Meet Letter of Understanding for 2014
4. Approve contracts with Challenger Sports for Flag Football and British Soccer camps for 2014

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2013 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Dulin explained that nothing had changed from 2013 regarding the SuperPass, Swim Meet Letter of Understanding agreements. It was moved and seconded to approve the agreements. Motion passed unanimously. It was moved and seconded to approve the contract with Challenger Sports. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports

1. Public Works Report

Mr. Bredehoeft explained that the Public Works Department has been busy with snow operations; mulch from Christmas trees is available in Porter and Franklin Parks; and the park bench has been replaced in Brenzier Park. He continued that Harmon Park is in the process of getting year-round bathrooms. Mr. Bredehoeft explained that the trail at Franklin Park has been plowed, and the crews are getting around to Porter Park. Ms. Wassmer asked if calls were received regarding the Porter Park

trail. Mr. Bredehoeft indicated it had not been an issue. Mr. Mikkelson stated that the trail at Windsor Park had been plowed.

2. Recreation Report

Ms. Dulin indicated that she is starting to work on getting things in order for the pool season, and that lifeguard and operation attendant positions had been posted on the City's website.

3. Chairperson's Report

No report.

New Business

1. 2014 Park Improvements Plans and Process Discussion

Mr. Doug Pickert gave a presentation of the improvements planned for McCrum and Taliaferro Parks in 2014.

McCrum Park Improvements Discussion

Mr. Mikkelson stated that the playground equipment in McCrum appeared to be geared towards younger children. Mr. Pickert explained that a park of this size is visited more by younger children. He continued that the playground equipment had features primarily for the two- to five-year olds, but did not ignore the needs of nine- to eleven-year olds. Ms. Wassmer noted there were toddler swings, but no belt swings. She suggested there needed to be at least two belt swings.

Mr. Mark Berlino, 4708 W 70th Street, suggested that the tire swing be replaced with at least four belt swings and that a crosswalk is painted at the top of the hill on Roe because it is such a busy street. He also suggested making the parking signs more clear so parents know where to park. Mr. Bredehoeft stated that he would look into the crosswalk and the parking situation. Mr. Berlino indicated that he would really love to see an ADA swing in the park.

Ms. Jori Nelson, 4802 W 69th Terrace, stated that there really needs to be a crosswalk on Roe for people to cross the street.

Mr. George Holter, 4705 W 70th Street, stated these park improvements were not appropriate for this a park of this size and location; the traffic situation is too dangerous. He indicated the old oak trees were full of termites. Ms. Wassmer responded that the work was not really adding anything new, just upgrading the existing equipment.

Mr. Jon Christensen, 4711 W 69th Terrace, stated that there were drainage issues at the park, and he wanted to make sure the situation was not worsened. He was happy the electrical lines were being buried and pleased with the fence being installed along Roe, and inquired about the material of the fence. Mr. Pickert indicated that the fence would be a decorative fence similar to the fence at Weltner Park. Mr. Christensen asked about the lighting at the shelter. Mr. Pickert stated that there would be a light fixture in the shelter so that the neighbors could tell if someone was in there; other than that the existing lighting was to remain. Mr. Christensen stated that the police do a good job of enforcing the 11:00 PM curfew.

Mr. Mikkelson asked about the life of the net climber. Mr. Pickert indicated that the nets are made out of fiber covered steel cables and would last for 15 years.

There was more discussion regarding the number of belt and toddler swings in the park.

Ms. Tina Lloyd, 4711 W 69th Terrace, stated that she liked the concept of the park; the swings get used a lot, and she would hate to see the swings pulled out of the park. She indicated that she was pleased with the north side of the park being preserved as open space, but she would like to see more of a buffer along the west side of the park.

Mr. O'Toole stated that he agreed there needed to be enough belt swings because 7- and 8-year olds will find a way to get into toddler swings.

Mr. Mikkelson stated that the tire swing was a favorite of his children, but if he had to choose, he would choose more belt swings. Mr. Mikkelson indicated that the seat spinner was the lowest on his priority.

Mr. Pickert stated that it was important to maintain the size of the playground because functional open space is a fundamental need. He suggested replacing the tire swing with a new six-swing set, two toddler swings, 3 belt swings, and one ADA swing.

The Committee agreed with Mr. Pickert's suggestion.

Taliaferro Park Improvements Discussion

Ms. Weaver asked about the material under the play equipment. Mr. Bredehoeft stated that was not included in the park improvements, but he was taking care of that this spring.

Ms. Wassmer asked about installing a backboard on the tennis courts. Mr. Bredehoeft stated that he did not think it was appropriate in Taliaferro Park due to the proximity of the neighboring houses; backboards generate a lot of noise. Mr. Mikkelson asked how in demand the city tennis courts were. Ms. Wassmer responded that they get a lot of use. Mr. Mikkelson stated that with changes to Homestead Country Club, the city courts may get even more use and more backboards may need to be considered in other locations.

Informational Items

Next meeting—February 12, 2014 @ 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.



New Business

PARKS & RECREATION

Parks & Recreation Committee Date: February 12, 2014

**Consider approval of a new recreation program—
Skateboarding101**

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend approval of a new recreation program, Skateboarding 101, with Dan Mapes with Dan's Sk8 School.

BACKGROUND

Dan Mapes with Dan's Sk8 School approached the City about teaching a Skateboarding 101 class in 2014. Students will learn skate park etiquette, basic skills and tricks, and safety. Skateboards and helmets are required; elbow and knee pads are strongly encouraged. Parents are required to stay for the duration of the class. The class is for boys and girls ages 3-12 and will be limited to a maximum of 10 students.

Each session will have four classes held every other Saturday from 10 – 11:30 AM. The proposed sessions are below:

Session 1: March 29, April 12, April 26, May 10

Session 2: July 19, August 2, August 16, August 30

Session 3: September 12, September 27, October 11, October 25

Dan is proposing an Open House on March 22 from 1-3 PM to answer any questions parents and/or students may have.

The class would be held at the Skate Park in Harmon Park. Dan is not requesting to reserve the skate park as a large part of the class is learning skate park etiquette and how to interact with other skaters. Use of the Harmon Park Pavilion concrete pad has been requested to warm-up and practice basic skills on a flat surface. Staff is recommending reserving the Harmon Park Pavilion for the dates and times above. Skateboarding is prohibited at the pavilion to prevent individuals from grinding on the picnic tables and benches. However, Staff is recommending that "Class in Session" signs be posted during class to inform other park visitors that this is a City-sponsored event and the skateboarders have permission to use the area.

Staff has conducted a background and reference check on Dan Mapes.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no direct costs to the City outside of normal park maintenance costs and minimal administrative staff time. The cost of the 6-hour class is \$50 with 75% going to the instructor and 25% going to the City to cover the costs mentioned above.

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