

# City of Lebanon Park Board Meeting

## Winfrey Property

## 25573 Highway 5

### Meeting Minutes: March 14, 2018

#### In Attendance:

Park Board Members: James Crawford, Dave Matlock, Raeanne Reid, Ben Trokey, Bob Mowery, Rae Ann Shoemaker and Jim Garrison. Media: Jim Morris Public Howard Fuller, Don Allen, Glen Krowor, and Andy Miller City Council: Chuck Jordan, LeAnn Mather, and Bob Garner City Staff: Director of Parks John Shelton and Assistant Director of Parks Elliot Wilburn

James Crawford called the meeting to order.

Jim Garrison made a motion to approve the February 14th minutes. The motion was seconded by Rae Ann Shoemaker. All approved.

#### Rotary Club-Tree Program:

Don Allen presented to the board that the mission of International Rotary Club this year was to plan a tree for every member in the club and they would like to plant trees at Boswell and Atchley Park. He said that the Rotary Club would provide the trees which would all be native Missouri trees. He said members of Rotary Club would help plant the trees, but they would need the parks department to help drill holes and then also to take care of watering trees and putting mulch around them. He also said they would like to host a ceremony the last Friday in April to commemorate the planting of the trees. Bob Garner also spoke about the city partnering with the Rotary Club to become a tree city. He said with this designation you get some state and national recognition as well as some plaques to display throughout the city. He said in his talks with City Council they are all for becoming a tree city. John Shelton stated that he thinks it is a great idea but that taking care of 138 trees and having to keep them watered for the next 3 years is a lot of additional work on staffing. Bob said he has talked to the police chief and sheriff about possibly getting some workers from them, but nothing is official yet. Raeanne Reid asked if the trees would also need to be sprayed to help with disease? Don answered that yes that was a possibility.

#### Special Events Permit

John presented a copy of what he has been working on for the special events permit with definitions of the type of events as well as requirements and all the forms to fill out to request a special events permit. James Crawford commented that he thought in discussions with the Board that private events such as company picnics would not be considered a special event. Rae Ann Shoemaker asked why we wouldn't rent out to private events if all the necessary steps are followed, and the renter has all their licenses to serve alcohol. James said he thought the point of the permit was to bring more tourism events to the park not private events. LeAnn Mather said she was definitely opposed to private events being allowed to have alcohol in the park. John stated that he would rework the permit and take out the private events section of the paper work.

#### Fireworks-Chamber of Commerce:

John presented the letter from the Chamber of Commerce asking the Parks Department to recommend to Council that a permit be issued for a firework show at Boswell Park on June 16<sup>th</sup>. He said he knows the Board already approved the request but wanted to show them the letter from the Chamber.

#### Playground Equipment:

John reported that the playground that the Board voted on at the last meeting was approved by Council to be purchased on Monday night. He said the equipment should be received by the Parks in the next couple of weeks and installation would probably start later this summer.

**Spiller and Gasconade Park Shelters:**

John reported that work has started on the shelters at both Spiller and Gasconade Park. The footings and short wall is up at Spiller and work has started on the parking lot. He said that the footings are also up for the shelter at Gasconade Park.

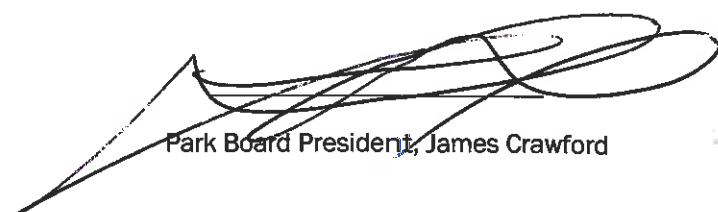
**Comments from the Board:**

James said that he has heard a few questions about the fencing surrounding the Winfrey property and why it was being removed. John answered that the fence requires a lot of cleaning and extra work but also that the ditch along the fence line was going to get leveled and smoothed back out. He said its possible that the fence could be put back up after the public works department finishes the leveling of the ditch.

**Comments from the Public:**

Howard Fuller commented that the Park Board cut short the funds for the Route 66 shelter and restroom at Boswell Park and the park wasn't what it should have been. He also said with the passing of the new special events permit that we are splitting the community. He said he has heard from several people that will no longer use the parks because of this. He also asked the Board what they were going to do when people are holding signs and protesting at the B.A.M. event at the park. Andy Miller shared a story of how his parents were killed by drunk drivers and that even with proper licenses and permits that there isn't one thing stopping people from drinking and driving when they leave an event. James commented that the special events permit wasn't a decision that was done quickly or without thought from the Board. He also said that if anyone would like to talk to him after the meeting he would answer any questions they might have.

**Ben Trokey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Bob Mowery. All approved.**



Park Board President, James Crawford