

City of Lebanon Park Board Meeting

Winfrey Property

25573 Highway 5

Meeting Minutes: January 14, 2021

In Attendance:

Park Board Members: RaeAnn Shoemaker, Carrie Plassmeyer, Raeanne Reid, Max Meckem, Jacob Hedges, Bob Mowery and Dusty Childress City Council: Josh Ray Staff: Director of Parks John Shelton and Assistant Parks Director Elliot Wilburn

RaeAnn Shoemaker called the meeting to order.

Raeanne Reid made a motion to approve the December 9th minutes. The motion was seconded by Jacob Hedges. All approved.

Mower Bids:

John Shelton reported that the department received 5 bids for the purchase of a new mower. The low overall bid was from Fritt's Equipment but Heritage Tractor a local bidder was within 3 percent of the lowest bid and in accordance with the Park Board bylaws purchasing section could be awarded the bid. Heritage Tractor's bid was for \$9,975. Their bid was also for a John Deere mower which would keep the fleet of mowers the same as what the department currently has. Resolution 024 was presented to the Board as:

A RESOLUTION OF THE PARK BOARD OF THE CITY OF LEBANON, LACLEDE COUNTY, MISSOURI, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A JOHN DEERE 60 INCH ZERO TURN MOWER FROM HERITAGE TRACTOR

Mac Meckem made a motion to accept Resolution024. Carrie Plassmeyer seconded the motion. All approved.

Capital Improvement Projects FY22-27:

John presented the list of C.I.P. for FY22-FY27. (Attached) He stated that the list was not set in stone and each project would still come to the Board for approval. This list is just a guide for the future and helps with budgeting and planning of park projects.

Raeanne Reid made a motion to approve the list as presented. The motion was seconded by Dusty Childress. All approved.

Skatepark:

John presented designs to the Board from American Ramp Company and Spohn Ranch. Both provided designs that were in the \$100,000 range. John said that he will work with the skate group to see which kind of ramps are preferred between metal and concrete. He stated he does not have a preference on materials. The advantages of the concrete are that its less noise but also you would get less ramps for the budget than metal. Josh Ray commented that most of the grief over the skate park is that everyone wants it to be done right. They would rather it take longer and be done right the first time. John commented that in talking with both skate companies they thought they could have the equipment installed in June.

Jacob Hedges made a motion to move forward with the skate park project. The motion was seconded by Raeanne Reid. All approved.

Amphitheater:

John reported that the light poles and fence at Boswell Park ballfields have been removed and that the actual amphitheater building has been ordered. He is currently working with the engineer to get all the electrical boxes in the drawings to be installed with the concrete base is poured for the building and getting all the

sidewalks in place. He hopes to have engineer drawings by the end of the week. The project is still on target to be completed by June for the Route 66 festival.

Gasconade Property:

John reported that the city is pursuing the purchase of the property located next to Gasconade Park with the plan to make it part of the park. John thinks the property will be a great addition to the park and will allow the expansion of a walking trail and also for the parks to clean up the area and do some landscaping to make the park look better.

Jacob Hedges made a motion to support the purchase of property next to Gasconade Park. The motion was seconded by Raeanne Reid. Carrie Plassmeyer abstained from the vote all others approved.

Boswell Aquatic Center/Property Tax:

John reported to the Board that him and Elliot met with pool manager Chad Coleman and worked on different ways to try to cut expenses and raise revenue at the B.A.C. Some of their ideas was to offer more programs available to pool patrons such as swim team, swim lessons, junior guard, and water aerobics. While none of these are big money makers, they will all support themselves and hopefully get more people interested in coming to the pool. They also thought that doing a night swim one Friday a month would be a great idea to help get attendance up. Another idea they came up with was to close the pool on Mondays. Elliot commented that they looked at all the days of the week and Monday was the least attended day 7 of the 11 weeks that the pool was open. After the discussion about daily operations the future of the pool was discussed. The pool is over 40 years and will need to be upgraded or a new pool will need to be built. At the current tax rate, the park system could not come up with enough money to build a new pool. John stated that the possibility of removing a property tax and adding a sales tax is something the Board may need to consider moving forward.

Shelter Rental Rates:

John reported to the Board that the current rates to rent a shelter are \$30 for 3 hours and \$50 for all day. With the minimum wage change that he thinks a rate change is necessary. He suggested changing it to \$40 for 4 hours and \$75 for all day. Elliot said they change to 4 hours was after hearing from several customers that had all day rentals, they only needed the park for about 4 hours and not all day, but 3 hours was to short a rental. This should allow for more rentals during the summer.

Baseball/Softball Season:

Elliot Wilburn reported that they would begin taking teams for competitive leagues for the spring and summer and that individual signups would be open on February 1st.

Comments from the Board:

There were no comments from the Board.

Comments from the Public:

There were no comments from the Public.

Raeanne Reid made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Carrie Plassmeyer. All approved.



Park Board President, RaeAnn Shoemaker