

# City of Lebanon Park Board Meeting

## Winfrey Property

## 25573 Highway 5

### Meeting Minutes: February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

#### **In Attendance:**

**Park Board Members:** Max Meckem, Doug Smith, Dave Matlock, RaeAnn Shoemaker, Jacob Hedges, and Carrie Plassmeyer. **Media:** Rachel Evans and Steve Smith **Staff:** Director of Parks John Shelton, Assistant Director of Parks Elliot Wilburn, and Communications Director Derek Gean **Public:** Kathy Morgan, Austin Rist, Donna Garrison, and Bruce Owen

RaeAnn Shoemaker called the meeting to order.

Carrie Plassmeyer made a motion to approve the January 12<sup>th</sup> minutes. The motion was seconded by Jacob Hedges. All approved.

#### **Field of Dreams Subdivision:**

John Shelton reported that the property next to the park had been purchased to build a subdivision and that the City of Lebanon would like to put a road through the back entrance of Atchley Park to connect to the subdivision to give it a 2<sup>nd</sup> entrance and exit. He stated that it wouldn't be a selling of city property or anything but just putting a road through park property. He also stated that the new subdivision would like to connect into the current trail at Atchley Park to make a larger trail for patrons to walk on.

RaeAnn Shoemaker asked why they needed a 2<sup>nd</sup> entrance to the subdivision? John answered that its not ideal to have a subdivision with only one entrance/exit in case of emergency situations.

Donna Garrison commented that she lives on the corner by the possible new road and is in favor of the new subdivision being built but is not in favor of park land being used for a road. Lots of people use the back entrance and the added traffic will greatly impact the people that use the park. Lots of disc golfers play in that area as well.

John commented that the disc golf basket would be relocated to a different location and also the gazebo would be moved closer to the current soccer fields.

Kathy Morgan stated that safety is her main concern and putting a city road through a park isn't very safe at all. It would be years of large trucks driving that road through the park while the subdivision is being built.

After some more discussion the Board took no action of the proposal, wanting more information before moving forward with a recommendation.

#### **Capital Improvement Projects:**

John presented the Board with the capital improvement project list for the next 5 years. He stated that several projects had been left out due to lack of funding but with the passing of the sales tax those projects have been added back to the list. He also commented that each project would still come back to the Board for approval each year.

Jacob Hedges made a motion to approve the Capital Improvement Projects for FY 2024-2028. The motion was seconded by Max Meckem. All approved.

**Feasibility Study- Gasconade Bridge:**

John reported that the state is probably going to end up dismantling the Gasconade Bridge, but the parks could possibly receive a portion of the pony truss to be installed at Boswell Park. He said the state could possibly help with some cost of moving the truss to the park to be able to help preserve a historic part of Route 66. He said before all of this happens though he would like to see if it would be affordable for the parks to have it moved and installed in the park. Rae Ann asked about the cost of the study and John answered that it would be somewhere between \$10,000-\$15,000. Doug Smith asked about the size of the bridge that would be moved to the park and John answered that a 60-80 foot section would be the size of the truss.

Max Meckem made a motion to get a feasibility study for the Gasconade Bridge. The motion was seconded by Dave Matlock. All approved.

**Employee Hiring:**

John reported that the city policy had changed on handling of seasonal and part-time employees and that the parks department would be able to handle the interview process for these employees. Parks will handle interviews but will still work with the human resources department on other aspects of the hiring process.

**Comments from the Board:**

John commented that several tiles at the murals at Boswell Park have been broken by people throwing rocks at them. He stated that insurance won't cover the damage to the tiles. We could replace just the tiles that are broken for now, but they may not match the color of the old tiles. The cost to replace the entire mural would be around \$25,000.

**Comments from the Public:**

There were no comments from the Public.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RaeAnn Shoemaker', written over a horizontal line.

Park Board President, RaeAnn Shoemaker