

**CITY OF MASCOUTAH
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
#3 WEST MAIN STREET
MASCOUTAH, IL 62258-2030**

OCTOBER 12, 2022

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission of the City of Mascoutah.

CALL TO ORDER

Commission member Steve Heizer called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PRESENT

Commission members Harold Knoth, Steve Heizer, Ryan Hinrichs, Mark Pruett, Adam Kasper, and Carrie Kunkel were present.

ABSENT

Commission member Nick Carr was absent.

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor, Pat McMahan, Assistant City Manager, Kari Speir, and Executive Assistant Madelyn Groff were present.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

A quorum of Parks and Recreation Commission members was present.

AMEND AGENDA

There was no need to amend the agenda.

MINUTES

Pruett moved and seconded by Hinrichs to approve the minutes of May 11, 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting and all other members agreed.

FINANCIALS

There were no financials present at this meeting.

Park Grants Update:

Speir stated that the City has engineering services working on plans for the walking and berm trails. Once it gets closer, we will have public meetings regarding the plans for the trails.

Speir also stated that the City submitted for another grant for a walking trail to connect the west end of the L & N berm trail to end on south 10th street, north on 10th street, cross main street, up main street, to county road, to connect to the existing berm trail that is on the ditch.

Tree Sub Committee:

Hinrichs stated that there are 5-6 memorial trees that are going to be planted this fall. He stated that the memorial tree price is \$500 and that includes the tree and the name plate stone.

Scheve Park:**New:**

Heizer stated that the MIA put up a new lean too on the barn across the ditch. He also stated that a new roof needs to be put on the depot. It has major wind damage. There hasn't been a new roof on their since 1998.

Heizer asked if we could budget next year for a new tractor. The one we have now is not worth putting more money into it to fix it up.

He also stated that the playground needs some work. The swing set needs new chains and new rubber seats. A couple of the seats have been broken. Also, the playground is needing more mulch. Brendan and Steve will be raking it in until next spring to get us by.

Heizer also stated that there are a couple of trees in the park that need to be taken down. The one is located where the homecoming trailer is set and the other one is by the dumpster by Steve's shed.

He brought to our attention that there are kids taking plaques off of the benches in the park. They are also destroying the bathrooms.

A local resident, Teresa Oeth, came to the meeting and would like to propose a park library with a bench. Teresa and her husband Rick are going to sponsor it and make sure it is taken care of. Pruettt moved and seconded by Hinrichs to approve this project and all other members agreed.

Splash Pad update:

McMahan stated that he is waiting on the specs for the Splash Pad.

Dog Park:

Speir stated that an eagle scout reached out to her in regard to an eagle scout project. She is waiting on the scout to reach out to her in regards to what the project will be.

McMahan stated that he would like to get electric to the pavilion at the dog park.

Maple Park:

No news regarding Maple Park.

Prairie Lakes Park:

Speir stated that the parking lot and the trails have been finished being paved.

Miscellaneous:

- McMahan stated that the Lions Club would like to replace the benches along 6th Street. All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Heizer moved, seconded by Kunkel to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. All were in favor.