

Community Land and Recreation Board Meeting  
February 11, 2015  
**MINUTES**  
Meeting 110

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm. Roll was called by Tom Barnard. Members present were, Michelle Flamm, Adam Zink, Bill Noble, Neil Davidson, Chris Cardwell, Phil Wassmer, William Gresham, Laura Ozenberger and Susan Robb. Liaison, Marc Sportsman was absent with notice. Alysén Abel, Tom Barnard, Tim Blakeslee and Jan Davis were present from the City.

**2. Citizen Input – No Citizen Input**

**3. Consent Agenda**

- A. Approve the minutes for the January 14, 2014 regular meeting.**  
Bill Noble motioned to approve the minutes from the January 14th meeting. Neil Davidson seconded the motion. Motion approved 9-0.

**4. Action Agenda**

- A. Board elections:**
1. Michelle Flamm motioned to re-elect Adam Zink as Secretary. Susan Robb seconded the motion. Motion approved 8-0
  2. Adam Zink motioned to re-elect Laura Ozenberger as Co-Chair. Michelle Flamm seconded the motion. Motion approved 8-0
  3. Adam Zink motioned to re-elect Michelle Flamm as Chair. Motion was seconded by Bill Gresham. Motion approved 8-0
- B. Parkville Cruise Nights:**  
Danelle Nichols representing Main Street Parkville Association, approached the Board about Parkville Cruise Nights scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday each month starting in April through September with the exception of July 4<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Nichols stated that anticipated turnout would be enough to fill all three parking lots and had requested use of the Ballfield 1 for overflow parking, which would depend on favorable weather and at the rate of \$20/hr. In addition Nichols asked the Board to renew the previous years' fee of \$100 for each Cruise Night. Adam Zink asked if City retailers had benefitted from past Cruise Nights. Danelle introduced Troy Wilson, a Parkville jeweler, who stated he had gained 2 new out-of-state clients as a result of Cruise Nights. Neil Davidson motioned to approve the Cruise Night fee of \$100. Phil Wassmer seconded the motion. Motion was approved 9-0
- C. Parkville Microbrew Fest:**  
Danelle described the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Parkville Microbrew Fest scheduled for

April 25<sup>th</sup>. Admission booth would open at 11:00 a.m., with event hours from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00. Ticket price this year is \$35.00. Ticket prices last year were pre-event (\$30), day of event (\$33). Danelle asked the Board to help promote this event as it is Main Street Parkville Association's biggest fundraiser. MSPA has 100 volunteers to assist in setting up quads for brewers, with out-of-state brewers in one quad, and local brewers in the rest. Parkville police will be hired for security. To-date 59 brewers have committed their participation. Susan Robb suggested that a Beer Garden at the Dog Park in conjunction with the Microbrew Event would be successful. The event fee will be \$300 plus applicable fees for stage, shelters, Ball field #1, a \$1000 damage deposit and required insurance. Adam Zink motioned to approve Microbrew Fest Event. Bill Gresham seconded the motion. Motion approved 9-0

**D. Missouri River Clean Up:**

Vicki Richmond with the Healthy Rivers Partnership submitted a request to waive the event fee for the River Cleanup scheduled for May 9, 2015. Tom Barnard stated that as the Missouri River Clean Up was a benefit to the City, he felt the fee waiver was justified. Chris Cardwell motioned to waive the event fee for the Missouri River Clean Up. Michelle Flamm seconded the motion. Motion approved 9-0

**5. Non-Action Agenda**

- A. Dog Park amenities.** Tom Barnard discussed his visit to the North Kansas City Dog Park and presented photos of their amenities. He solicited suggestions for other amenities from the Board. Adam Zink suggested that barriers be installed by the fence to keep dogs from running a path along the fence line. It was suggested that a fund raiser be held at the Dog Park on a Saturday to raise funds for rock/rock dust to be trucked in to combat the mud, and a bulletin board be installed as a vehicle to get comments from dog owners who utilize the Park. Adam Zink suggested that research be done to find a not-for-profit group who may be interested in putting on a fund-raiser. Laura Ozenberger volunteered to contact Northland Agility for their advice/suggestions, and suggested adding a donation box at the Dog Park. Adam Zink suggested setting up a "text to donate" (QR Code) site, and seeking out companies who would perform the set-up for a fee. Neil Davidson suggested having an open house at the Dog Park for dog owner feedback. Tom Barnard stated that Parks Department is looking at closing the big dog park for seeding with one week notice, directing dog owners to the small park in the interim. He outlined on-going cleanup issues and suggested installing signage as proposed by the Chief of Police. Adam Zink stated that the City needed to crack down and ticket offenders who break the City's leash laws.

## 6. Staff Updates on Activities:

### A. Parks

1. **Ball field usage** – 4-5 teams have committed to field usage totaling \$2,500 in revenue to-date, and there has been interest in Field 3 (the shorter field). The Parkville Lacrosse team will have games at the soccer field on Fridays.
2. **Platte Landing Park maintenance plan** – Tom Barnard summarized the Platte Landing Park Maintenance Manual and passed the PDF file on to Board members. Barnard addressed the 0.75 acre Wetland Mitigation area that will be protected from future development impacts. Various recommended seeds and plugs were installed in the Wetland Mitigation area by the contractor as directed by the USACE standards. The Parks Department treated the perimeter to control the invasive weeds to maintain performance standards, which will be ongoing to achieve desired vegetation.

The need for safety lighting at the back northwest corner of Platte Landing Park was discussed. Adam Zink asked Tom Barnard if he had researched lighting options. Tom submitted two ideas, a) a solar fixture mounted on a 12' pole that would run 7 nights on a fully charged battery – cost \$650/fixture, and b) Colonial lights good for 8 hours with a fully charged battery and up to 3 nights with no sunshine. Cost-approx. \$500/fixture. Other options will be discussed and possibilities may become apparent if the Wetland Restoration project comes to fruition. An idea was submitted to contact the Turkey Trot Foundation who may be willing to help with contributions for lighting. Michelle Flamm stated that a long-term plan should be developed for pathway lighting. Neil Davidson stated that lighting by the River should be a priority. Tom Barnard will research other lighting options.

3. **Arbor Day** – Discussion was held regarding possible programs for Arbor Day. Bill Gresham stated a mayoral proclamation is the first necessity. Tom Barnard stated that since last year's Arbor Day was held in the parking lot, perhaps we should seek an alternative location. Board ideas were to establish trees in the small dog park. It was suggested that trees be installed in and around the perimeter of the fence and to consider some shade in the area by the new restroom. National Arbor Day is Friday, 4/24. Earth Day is Wednesday, 4/22. The Board thought that April 24<sup>th</sup> would be a suitable day for Parkville's Arbor Day Celebration. Chris Cardwell asked if anyone on the Park crew had been certified in a tree scape course. Chris felt it was important to maintain trees through

educational elements and presented a 3 night course put on by Heartland Tree, cost \$50.

**B. Administration**

1. Donation Items Update:

Staff is working on an updated donation menu for the March meeting

2. Platte Landing Park Wetlands restoration update: Alysen Abel stated that on 1/30 the Mayor, City Administrator and Public Works Director met with Platte County commissioners and staff to discuss the PLP ecosystem restoration plan. They reviewed project goals and proposed alternatives, and discussed the “best buy” plan. They recommended a “Plan 8” which is restoration of central wetlands area by grading and removing 153,000 CY of dirt thus allowing the area to pond. The borrowed dirt could be used to build up the ball fields. Before any work could proceed a geotechnical study would need to be performed. The project will be funded through the Corps of ‘Engineers with a 75% (Corps)/25% (City) split of costs, with real estate valuation being considered in the cost. The City and County would still be responsible for maintenance going forward. The next Platte County meeting is scheduled for mid-March and will focus on reviewing a feasibility study. Tom Barnard stated that the area where pipe was installed on the west side was reviewed with Laurie Brown and the trail needs to be raised approximately 2”.

Tom Barnard presented photos of damage from off-roading vehicles along PLP trail and described vandalism to picnic tables and other areas of the park. Installing “faux” security cameras was suggested. The installation of “you are being watched” signage was favored as an inexpensive deterrent.

**7. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FROM THE BOARD**

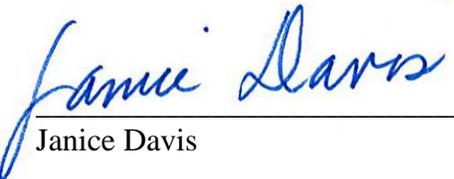
- A. Chris Cardwell** presented a Burr Oak event in Blue Springs on 3/21 that would include birdscaping, butterfly gardens, native landscaping, naturalism and other seminar events.
- B.** The Outreach Grant has been submitted and the City hopes to hear something by March. Neil Davidson advised that 42 grant requests had been submitted totaling \$750,000, for an available fund of \$250,000.

**8. ADJOURN**

Phil Wassmer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. Bill Noble seconded the motion. Motion approved 9-0.

The minutes for February 11, 2015, having been read and considered by the Board, and having found to be correct as written, were approved on this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015.

Submitted by:

  
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Janice Davis