



In light of public health orders from the Missouri Governor and Platte County related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and given the nature of the items to be considered at this particular meeting, the members of the Community Land and Recreation Board will meet via telephone or video conference. Members of the public interested in this meeting are encouraged to listen in on the meeting via the following telephone number and access code – (312) 626 6799, Meeting ID: 832 5456 4572, Password: 597483 – rather than appear at City Hall (note: occupancy will be limited).

In addition, rather than appearing at City Hall to provide input at the meeting on action agenda items, members of the public may submit written testimony to the Assistant to the City Administrator in advance by noon on the day of the meeting and the testimony will be to be provided to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen and presented at the meeting and made part of the official record.

COMMUNITY LAND AND RECREATION BOARD

Regular Meeting (#20-4) Agenda
CITY OF PARKVILLE, MISSOURI
Wednesday, May 13, 2020 4:00 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adam Zink | <input type="checkbox"/> Laura Ozenberger (Secretary) | <input type="checkbox"/> Michelle Flamm (Vice Chair) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Linda Arnold | <input type="checkbox"/> Neil Davidson (Chair) | <input type="checkbox"/> Bill Gresham |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Susan Robb | <input type="checkbox"/> Bob Stuteville | <input type="checkbox"/> Steven Sturgess |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Marc Sportsman (Liaison) | |

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve the minutes for the March 11, 2020 regular meeting.

3. ACTION AGENDA

- A. Direct staff to release bid documents for the proposed Pickleball Courts.
B. Recommend support of the TRIM Grant Application.

4. STAFF UPDATES ON ACTIVITIES

- A. March/April Parks Reports
B. March/April Nature Sanctuary Reports
C. April Public Works Report

5. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

6. ADJOURN



COMMUNITY LAND AND RECREATION BOARD

Regular Meeting (#20-3)

MINUTES

CITY OF PARKVILLE, MISSOURI

Wednesday, March 11, 2020 6:00 pm

City Hall Boardroom

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll was called by Anna Mitchell, Assistant to the City Administrator.

Members present were:

Neil Davidson (Chair)
Michelle Flamm (Vice Chair)
Susan Robb
Steven Sturgess
Bill Gresham
Bob Stuteville

Absent with prior notice were:

Laura Ozenberger (Secretary)
Linda Arnold
Adam Zink

Marc Sportsman (Liaison)

A quorum of the Board was present.

Anna Mitchell, Assistant to the City Administrator, and Bonnie Buckmaster, Public Works Assistant was present on behalf of the City.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve the minutes for the February 12, 2020 Regular Meeting

MICHELLE FLAMM MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE FEBRUARY 12, 2020 REGULAR MEETING; BILL GRESHAM SECONDED MOTION PASSED 6-0.

There were several Boy Scouts from Troop 393 in the audience observing the meeting to earn their Citizenship in the Community Badge.

3. ACTION AGENDA

- A. Recommend approval of the BNSF License to the Board of Aldermen.

Anna Mitchell, Assistant to the City Administrator, gave a background of the License negotiations regarding the connection of the trail between the County Trail along the Missouri River and the City Trail ending at the East side of English Landing Park. Mitchell explained that the permit went before the Board of Aldermen on February 18, 2020, which had been approved, however, after further discussion of concern with the termination clause, the vote was rescinded at the March 3, 2020 Board of Aldermen Meeting. The termination clause in Section 23.4, would allow BNSF to terminate the permit without refunding any part of the permit fee.

After legal review, staff had one suggestion to BNSF to change the wording of section 23.4 to include: "In the event such termination occurs pursuant to this Section 23.4, Licensor shall refund Licensee on

a pro-rata basis a portion of the license fee paid by Licensee pursuant to Section 6 above.” Staff has received a response from BNSF, denying the request for the added language.

Mitchell went on to explain that there have been seventy-four BNSF permits approved in the last ten years, with none of them being terminated. Platte County has the identical permit, which has been approved. Platte County has also offered to add the City’s fencing requirement for the permit to the County’s fencing contract. This will save the City \$31,983.

Mitchell brought three options to CLARB to consider, which were as follows:

- Option #1: Move the trail
- Option #2: Do nothing
- Option #3: Continue with the license as presented
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Aldermen Marc Sportsman explained the position of rescinding the vote for the permit and to reassess the situation. CLARB appreciated the effort and explanation.

After discussion of the three options, CLARB agreed that Option #3 would be the most desired as there have been several years of work put in to trail connectivity.

BILL GRESHAM MOVED TO APPROVE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN TO APPROVE THE LICENSE FOR BICYCLE PATH/PEDESTRIAN PATHWAY WITH THE BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY AS DISCUSSED BY CLARB; MICHELLE FLAMM SECONDED; MOTION PASSED 6-0.

4. STAFF UPDATES ON ACTIVITIES

- A. Nature Sanctuary for January Report – Included in the CLARB Packet
- B. Parks Report for January – Included in the CLARB Packet
- C. Public Works Report for January – Included in the CLARB Packet
- D. Dog Park Timeline- Staff anticipates a May 1st opening
- E. Hired the part-time Public Works Project Manager to start Monday 3/16/2020
- F. Arbor Day Celebration – 30th year Tree City USA – Staff is planning a party and tree planting event. – Members are to take a look at their calendars for the week of April 24th
- G. Kiosks update – Once staff gets the agreement from Bob Bennett, staff will bring it back to CLARB and then to the BOA. The feedback for kiosks inside of the parks have been negative.
- H. Parks lighting – reenergized, now open after dusk.

5. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

- 1. Staff is asked if the dog parks can be closed when it rains – Some closures have taken place when the conditions of the area become muddy with puddles.
- 2. Allocation of funds for ball fields – Staff has not received the breakdown list from McClure.
- 3. Playground Foundation – The foundation was changed from recycled tires to wood chips with some complaints of splinters, etc. Recycled tires are not environmentally safe to go into the river. Staff is looking into a more environmentally friendly component such as artificial turf, which would be a long term resolution.

6. ADJOURN

**BILL GRESHAM MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 6:50 P.M
MICHELLE FLAMM SECONDED; MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

The minutes for March 11, 2020 having been read and considered by the Community Land and Recreation Board, were approved on this the 13thth Day of May, 2020.

Bonnie Buckmaster, Public Works Assistant

Approval date

CITY OF PARKVILLE Policy Report

Date: May 8, 2020

Prepared By:
Alysen Abel
Public Works Director

Reviewed By:
Chris Ashley
Project Manager

ISSUE:

Discuss the location of the proposed Pickleball Courts, and direct staff to release bid documents.

BACKGROUND:

On November 15, 2016, the Board of Aldermen adopted the 2016 Parks Master Plan. The master plan serves a roadmap for the utilization, development and expansion of the parks system. The primary goal was to review the priorities of the riverfront park system and document a long-term strategy for development of the future parks system.

Since that time, there has been discussion about the addition of Pickleball Courts within the riverfront parks system. The original plan was to install two regulation courts in English Landing Park, next to the first come/first serve shelters, on the north side of McAfee Drive. Based on the popularity, as well as the economies of scale for the larger construction, staff recommends constructing four regulation courts.

Staff reviewed several locations around English Landing and Platte Landing Parks to find the best location of the Pickleball Courts. The ideal location would allow for a North-South court configuration and provide close proximity to parking. There are two locations that staff recommends:

- English Landing Park – Behind McKeon Stage – This area provides access to other amenities in English Landing Park. Although it does not have close proximity to parking spaces. The Parks Master Plan includes a pedestrian bridge from the existing parking lot next to the Parks Maintenance Building, but that is low on the priority list.
- Platte Landing Park – Next to Friends Shelter – There is an area that was recently vacated by Missouri American Water as one of the well locations. This area is adjacent to the parking next to Friends Shelter. There would be additional parking constructed in the future associated with the future ballfields.

Staff is ready to release the Pickleball Court bid documents, but wanted input from CLARB on the location of the courts before proceeding. The intent is to include a proximity map in the bid documents.

BUDGET IMPACT:

There is funding in the 2020 Parks Sales Tax budget for capital improvements projects. The Pickleball Courts was one of the priority projects identified.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Recommend construction of four courts in Platte Landing Park, next to Friends Shelter.
2. Recommend construction of four courts in English Landing Park, next to McKeon Stage.
3. Recommend construction of two courts in English Landing Park, next to the first come shelters.
4. Provide alternate direction to staff regarding the location of the Pickleball Courts.
5. Postpone the item.

ITEM 3A

For 05-13-20

Community Land and Recreation Board

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the location in Platte Landing Park for the new pickleball courts, due to the proximity upgrading the sports complex to accommodate baseball and multi-purpose fields.

POLICY:

Section 150.050.A. of the Parkville Municipal Code directs CLARB to act in an advisory capacity to the Board of Aldermen to develop and administer a writer plan for the care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal or disposition of trees and shrubs along streets and in other public areas. As CLARB serves in an advisory capacity, its recommendations must be approved by the Board of Aldermen.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move to direct staff to construct four Pickleball Courts in Platte Landing Park, next to the Friends Shelter.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. English Landing Park Map
2. Platte Landing Park Map

Proposed Pickleball Court Location #1
English Landing Park – Behind McKeon Stage



Proposed Pickleball Court Location #2
Platte Landing Park – Next to Friends Shelter



CITY OF PARKVILLE Policy Report

Date: May 8, 2020

Prepared By:
Alysen Abel
Public Works Director

Reviewed By:
Anna Mitchell
Assistant to the City Administrator

ISSUE:

Recommend to the Board of Aldermen that staff prepare and submit a Tree Resource Improvement and Maintenance (TRIM) Grant to the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) for the Parks Department.

BACKGROUND:

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC), in cooperation with the Missouri Community Forest Council, offers a grant funding program to assist government agencies, public schools, and non-profit organizations with the management, improvement, or conservation of trees on public lands. Projects that are eligible for TRIM funding include tree inventory, removal or pruning of hazardous trees, tree planting, and training volunteers or municipal employees to care for community trees.

On August 2018, the Board of Aldermen approved a two-year on-call services agreement with Arbor Masters to assist the City with tree trimming and removal for emergency and routine work. The Parks Superintendent will meet with a Certified Arborist with Arbor Masters to identify the needs of the park. With past TRIM grant applications, the primary focus was the installation and removal of hazardous trees.

City staff plans to prepare and submit the TRIM grant request in the amount of \$10,000 to assist with the tree inventory of the City's parks. Any funding remaining from the grant will be used to remove the hazardous trees with the highest priority.

BUDGET IMPACT:

The 2020 Parks Budget (line item 10-525.07-52-00) includes \$18,000 for tree trimming. This budget includes the local match associated with the MDC TRIM grant. In Parkville's case, MDC would reimburse 75% of the grant request. The city receives 15% bonus matching funds because the City has the Tree City USA designation. As a result, if the city receives the requested amount of \$10,000, the City's local match would be \$2,500.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Recommend that the Board of Aldermen direct staff to submit the TRIM grant request as outlined.
2. Recommend that the Board of Aldermen direct staff to submit the TRIM grant request with changes as directed by CLARB.
3. Do not recommend to the Board of Aldermen for staff to submit the TRIM grant request.
4. Postpone the item.

ITEM 3B

For 05-13-20

Community Land and Recreation Board

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that CLARB and the Board of Aldermen support the preparation and submittal of a TRIM grant request in the amount of \$10,000 to assist with planting new trees and removing the hazardous trees that are rated with a high priority based on the tree inventory.

POLICY:

City Code Section 150.050 states that it shall be the responsibility of the Community Land and Recreation Board to act in an advisory capacity for the Parks and Recreation Department to study, investigate, counsel, develop or update annually and administer a written plan for the care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal or disposition of trees and shrubs along streets and in other public areas. The Board of Aldermen may refer issues to the Community Land and Recreation Board for further discussion.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move to recommend that the Board of Aldermen direct staff to prepare and submit the TRIM grant application.



CITY OF PARKVILLE Memorandum

Date: April 3, 2020

To: Community Land and Recreation Board Members

From: Alysen Abel, Public Works Director

CC: Anna Mitchell, Assistant to the City Administrator
Tom Barnard, Parks Superintendent

RE: March 2020 Parks Activity Report

The following Parks-related activities took place during March 2020:

- Seasonal Employees: The Parks Department usually employs 4 seasonal employees during the peak season. The interview process for the seasonal positions started, but was halted due to COVID-19.
 - Playground Maintenance: The swingset collars and shackle pendulums were replaced. The swingset was painted. The Ring Treks were replaced on the Monkey bars. Maintenance to the Climbing Wall was performed.
 - Trail Maintenance: Trail material was placed on the east end of the trail in English Landing Park.
 - Backflow Inspections: Backflow inspections were performed at Pocket Park, Route 9 Triangle, Grigsby Field, and City Hall.
 - Grigsby Irrigation: The irrigation on Grigsby Field was checked and repairs were performed.
 - PAC Pond Maintenance: Trash was removed from the PAC pond.
 - Maintenance Area Cleanup: The old Pepsi trailer was relocated to the wastewater treatment plant.
 - Picnic Tables: Picnic table frames and lumber were assembled to construct new picnic tables.
 - Section 1135 Wetland Project: BKM Construction has been working on the grading associated with the wetland project.
 - Grigsby Field Maintenance: The City received a donation from the Royals Charities in late 2019. The backstop/netting was installed and the bullpen work was completed.
 - Ballfield #3 Maintenance: The concrete floor and dugout on Ballfield #3 was completed, which was another Royals project. Cleanup on the field included debris removal, as well as removal of the old dugout bleachers, netting and fencing.
 - Ballfield Maintenance: Ground preparation was done outside of Grigsby Field and Ballfield #3. Seeding was installed.
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- PLP Restroom Maintenance: The interior walls of the restroom in Platte Landing Park were painted.
 - ELP Restroom Maintenance: The flush valves were replaced on the toilets. The ELP restroom was originally closed to complete the flood restoration. Now that the restoration is complete, the restroom continued to remain closed due to COVID-19.
 - Dog Park Shade Structure: The City received an Outreach Grant from Platte County for the installation of the dog park shade structure. The bid document was released. The bid opening took place on March 24th, Shergain was the lowest bidder.
 - Playground Closure: Due to concerns with exposure to COVID-19, the ELP playground was closed. Staff fenced off the area and installed signage.
 - Social Distancing: The park remains open during the global pandemic, to allow people an open space to exercise and enjoy the outdoors. Staff installed signs in Platte Landing and English Landing Parks to remind people of the social distancing requirements.
 - Grounds Maintenance: Seeding and fertilization was installed in various areas throughout the riverfront park system.
 - Spirit Fountain Maintenance: The Spirit Fountain, next to the Train Depot, was cleaned and the pump was installed. The fountain pump is removed during the winter months to extend the life of the pump.
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CITY OF PARKVILLE Memorandum

Date: May 5, 2020

To: Community Land and Recreation Board Members

From: Alysen Abel, Public Works Director

CC: Anna Mitchell, Assistant to the City Administrator
Tom Barnard, Parks Superintendent

RE: April 2020 Parks Activity Report

The following Parks-related activities took place during April 2020:

- PLP Restroom Maintenance: The restroom in Platte Landing Park was impacted by the 2019 flood. The restroom was cleaned and painted. This work started in March and was completed in April.
 - Trash Cans: The Trash Cans were set to collect the waste for the spring/summer season.
 - Grounds Maintenance: The seeding and fertilizing was completed in various areas throughout the park. This work was started in March and was completed in April.
 - Ballfield #3: The dugouts for Ballfield #3 were completed. The benches were installed.
 - Ballfield Maintenance: Staff cleaned up Ballfield #3 and Grigsby Field.
 - Debris Removal: Debris was removed from the various areas throughout the park, prior to starting the spring mowing.
 - Mower Maintenance: The mowers were serviced, blades and oil changed.
 - Weekly Mowing: Several areas are mowed by the Parks staff, they include: ELP, PLP, neighborhood parks, dog parks, Hwy 45 right-of-way, PAC pond.
 - PAC Pond Maintenance: The aerator was installed on the PAC pond.
 - Train Depot Maintenance: Ornamental trees and shrubs were cut/pruned by the Train Depot building.
 - Spirit Fountain: There were 8 valves replaced and new water spigot installed on the Spirit Fountain. The fountain was cleaned, filled and operational.
 - ELP Trailhead: The yellow posted was installed at the ELP Trailhead.
 - City Hall Landscaping: Flowers were planted in the flower pots in front of City Hall. Weeds were pulled and sprayed around the City Hall building.
 - ELP Entrance Maintenance: The entrance to English Landing Park, by the Farmers Market was cleaned up. Silt/weeds were removed from the landscape fabric.
 - Disc Golf Maintenance: The disc golf basket was impacted by the 2019 flood, the basket was secured following the flood erosion.
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- Lewis and Clark Maintenance: Excess silt was removed from the Lewis and Clark point area. The area was reseeded and fertilized.
 - Tree Maintenance: Parks staff pruned low tree limbs in English Landing Park.
 - Section 1135 Wetland Project: The grading continues with this project. The contractor installed several trees along the riparian corridor along Rush Creek.
 - Farmers Market Maintenance: The area around Farmers Market was prepped for the opening of the Farmers Market at the end of April. Picnic tables were removed and relocated to the shelter buildings. No smoking signs were installed at the Farmers Market. The sink was cleaned and filled. Mud dabber nests were knocked down from the rafters. The central shade curtain was replaced and the outside screens were cleaned.
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Parkville Nature Sanctuary

Three **interpretive panels** produced on a cost share basis with PNS, FOPNS, and a 2019 Platte County Community Grant were installed at the sanctuary. “Jim’s Sign” is the new welcome sign at the Trailhead Garden. It maps the Jim Reed Tail System, offers a short bio on Jim’s role at the sanctuary, and gives area rules and regulations. The Nature Play panel is located at the south trailhead to Bluebird Trail. It explains the concept of nature play, provides photos of elements in use, and offers guidelines for activity at the play pockets. Our “Meet the Neighbors” interpretive offers photos and text for a select group of sanctuary fauna and is found on Old Kate Trail as it crosses 13th Street. Several of the photos used in these productions were entries in the FOPNS Photo Contest. Work on two 2020 signs continues.

Installation of one of our new signs necessitated the relocation of an **information kiosk**. It was refurbished and remains near the main entry to allow visitors to read flyers and posters of more timely events like programs or special notices. Not to slight the picnic area kiosk, it too was repainted and fitted with new corkboard.

Beaver damage was reported at the Sullivan Nature Sanctuary where one of our 2018 plantings, a pecan, was seriously injured. We placed 1” x 1” wire mesh as caging around nearby trees, and are in the process of providing this screening material to all remaining 39 saplings. The pecan remains on life support having been chewed nearly 50% through its trunk. It remains a jungle out there. The wire, hose, and stakes installed with those Sullivan trees are being removed as the trees are firmly established and are ready to be on their own.

The **PNS Memorial Tree Grove** added its inaugural announcement to the website. A bottomland forest species of the donors choosing will be planted with an accompanying 6” x 6” cast bronze plaque inscribed with donor text. Sanctuary staff will procure, plant, stake, and water the tree for two years as it becomes established. Cost for this remembrance is \$750 which will be processed through the FOPNS. Our second memorial tree is now staked and pampered off the north end of the boardwalk, a tribute to Lewis Jonas. His plaque is in production.

The **Erik and Anna Andersen Interim Trust** has named the Parkville Nature Sanctuary as a beneficiary in the settlement of their estate. I was notified by United Missouri Bank that PNS will be gifted 8% of remaining pooled assets which will amount to \$182K and change in the first, and much larger, of two distributions. Paperwork has been forwarded to Parkville administration to handle legalities and details.

Volunteer Hours (PNS & FOPNS) April help: photo contest prep; interpretive sign install; garlic mustard pull; trail work. Volunteer groups down and visitor numbers way up in the days of COVID-19.

MONTH	VOLUNTEER HOURS	YTD VOLUNTEER HOURS
JANUARY	54	54
FEBRUARY	42	96
MARCH	63	159
APRIL	49	208

Parkville Nature Sanctuary

Our first **Work Day** of 2020 was held this month. We spread wood chips on two sections of Old Kate Trail, and weeded the Trailhead and Triangle Gardens. That ends the good news for volunteer help.

With the **COVID-19 pandemic** taking over our lives, work at the sanctuary has taken a new direction. To comply with CDC and local guidelines and recommendations (social distancing, limited sized groups, Stay at Home orders, etc.) several cancellations took place. The Park Hill HS Senior Day of Service, the St. Therese Brownie Troop, a SPED class from Park Hill, and a second Volunteer Work Day were removed from the calendar. Cancelled programs include the first of three Stream Team outings, the UMKC Ecology Lab, and Nature Camp. One Girl Scout Cabin reservation is being postponed to later in the year. The March PNS Volunteer meeting was held virtually, with an email from me explaining cancellations and the need to put our calendar on hold.

COVID-19 guidelines do allow for people to be outside and exercise. Parkville has determined that parks and sanctuaries are essential services and will remain open. We have had a huge increase in the number of visitors, not only on weekends, but weekdays as well. We have also experienced **vandalism** for the first time in a while. The inaugural memorial tree planted last June had its three wooden stakes broken off at ground level and left to hang by the wires. A nearby 4" x 4" sign post was removed from the ground and found on the opposite side of the tree. It may have been used in the assault upon the 3" thick stakes. The metal support stand for the bronze plaque was also bent. Surprisingly, the tree itself seems to have escaped serious damage.

The **Friends of Parkville Nature Sanctuary (FOPNS)** held their March meeting and discussed the planning for photo exhibits at northland Mid-Continent Libraries, and a summer photo exhibit at the Anita B. Gorman Conservation Discovery Center. They also agreed to take a collection and sponsor the planting of a tree in the sanctuary's Memorial Grove in honor of Lewis Jonas, past PNS Assistant Director and longtime volunteer. Because of Lewis' affinity for coffee, and the long-standing morning gathering sessions at Parkville Coffeehouse, the native Kentucky Coffeetree would be the species of choice. The FOPNS also were informed this month that their 2020 Platte County grant application would be fully funded at \$4144. This money will be used toward the final two interpretive panels at the sanctuary.

Big help received this month from the **Parks crew**. They were able to dig eight holes for three sign installations and one kiosk relocation. Huge time and backache saver over what was needed to install the butterfly garden sign two years ago. They also dug a hole with the 30" auger bit to plant Lewis' tree. Wayne & I and two volunteers planted Lewis' tree following this assistance.

Volunteer Hours (PNS & FOPNS) March help: photo contest prep; interpretive sign text writing; tree planting, trail and garden work, FOPNS meeting.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
PROJECT UPDATE
APRIL 2020

PLP Wetlands – The City is working with the US Army Corps of Engineers on the construction of a Section 1135 Wetland Project in Platte Landing Park. The project includes the construction wetland areas and restoration of a riparian corridor. BKM Construction, along with their subcontractors Linaweaver and Natural States Landscaping, contracted with the Corps to construct this project. City staff has been involved as a local project sponsor for this project. Because of the project cost savings, the Corps increased the vegetated areas throughout the project. The contractor mobilized at the end of February and started construction. The primary focus has been grading and installation of plantings in the riparian corridor along Rush Creek. The project is approximately 45% complete. It is anticipated that the project will be completed by the end of June.

STATUS – IN PROGRESS.

Dog Park Shade Structure – In 2019, the City received an Outreach Grant from Platte County to construct the shade structures at the entrance of each of the dog parks in Platte Landing Park. The bid document was released in March, the low bidder was Shergain (who recently constructed the Park Storage Building). Construction on the Dog Park Shade Structure will start in mid-May.

STATUS – IN PROGRESS.

2020 Outreach Grants – The applications for the 2020 Outreach grants were submitted at the end of January. The requests include: (1) installation of pickleball courts; (2) improvements to the Busch Drive traffic circle; (3) improvements to the A-Truss bridge. In April, staff received notice of award of only one of the project, the improvements to the A-Truss Bridge.

STATUS – IN PROGRESS.

Royals Donation – In late 2019, the City received \$25,000 from the Royals Foundation for improvements to the existing baseball fields. The projects include dugouts at Ballfield #3, bullpen at Grigsby, and upgrades to the scoreboard at Grigsby. The work has been completed for the Dugout structures on Ballfield #3 and Bullpen at Grigsby Field. The scoreboard is currently being constructed, it is anticipated to be completed in late May.

STATUS – IN PROGRESS.

Pickleball Courts – The 2020 budget includes funding for the design and construction of Pickleball Courts. Staff is currently finalizing the plans and specs. The proposed locations will be presented during the May CLARB meeting. Staff will release the bid document in May. It is anticipated to be completed by late summer/early fall.

STATUS – IN PROGRESS.

Neighborhood Park Improvements – The 2020 budget includes funding for the improvements to the Adams and Watkins neighborhood parks. In early 2020, it was determined that a public involvement process was necessary to determine the best improvements that fit with the needs of the neighborhood. Due to current budget concerns, this project has been temporary put on hold until June.

STATUS – TEMPORARILY ON HOLD.

Pocket Park Improvements – The 2020 budget includes funding for the improvements to Pocket Park. This process will include discussions with a small committee of business owners and other stakeholders from the downtown area to determine the best use for Pocket Park and the necessary improvements in the short-term and long-term. Due to the current budget concerns, this project has been temporary put on hold until June. At that time, the board will determine if there is enough sales tax revenue to cover this expense.

STATUS – TEMPORARILY ON HOLD.

Riverfront Park Entry Signage – The 2020 budget includes funding for the design of entry signage for the two riverfront parks. Vireo was hired to design concepts for approval. Future budget cycles will include the installation of these signs. A small committee consisting of representatives from the Board of Aldermen, CLARB and staff met to discuss the vision for the signage. Based on this feedback, Vireo will develop concepts for consideration by the committee. It is anticipated that the concepts will be completed by late summer/early fall.

STATUS – IN PROGRESS.