

Minutes
Knob Noster Park Board
February 23, 2021

The Knob Noster Park Board met on February 23, 2021 for a regular scheduled meeting.

Call to Order: President Storms called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Member's present were Jamie Bentley, Joe Burnor, Zachary Grove, Ben Liechti, Catherine Plakorus, Tim Storms, and Trisha Wilcox. Also, in attendance: KN City Administrator Scott Peterson and Alderman Tom Charrette and Mr. Mrs. Grygierczk.

Public participation: Mr./Mrs. Dave Grygierczk attended the meeting tonight to discuss the purchase of Christmas lights for the Knob Noster Christmas tree located in front of Knob Noster City Hall. They were seeking reimbursement for additional strands of lights needed for the tree in December 2020 they purchased. Alderman Tom Charrette offered to personally reimburse them for the lights they had purchased so the park board did not have to use their budgeted funds for the purchase made. Mr. Grygierczk also made a request to purchase additional strands of Christmas lights because the old tree required 24 strands of lights whereas the new Christmas tree requires 50 strands to cover the tree all around 360 degrees. He briefed if he could purchase the three cases of lights now, he would receive a pre-order discount. The regular cost of \$258 would be discounted to \$189 per case of lights. The total cost discounted for three cases he said was required would be \$567 before taxes. The board will consider the purchase once they know their 2021 budget. In addition, City Administrator Scott Peterson said that he believes that these kinds of purchases need to fall under the park board for consideration now and in the future. The park board discussed forming a Christmas committee to review any future purchases or request. This committee will be investigated and formed on a later date.

Minutes: Minutes from meeting held on January 26, 2021 were reviewed by park board members, regular scheduled meeting on February 9, 2021 was cancelled due to inclement weather. Trisha Wilcox made a motion to approve minutes as written, Jamie Bentley seconded the motion and minutes were approved by the park board members.

Old Business:

- ❖ The purchase of the big parking lot gate was discussed, and additional bids are being reviewed. **(Open)**
- ❖ Poles 20 foot in height and 3 ½ to 4” round for the solar lights for the parking lot still needs to be investigated and purchased. Three different bids are being gathered up to include concrete bases on the poles and once received the board will decide what to purchase. **(Open)**
- ❖ The communications board being assembled by the Knob Noster High School was briefed by Zachary Grove he said the communications board will not be ready until later this spring. **(Open)**
- ❖ Parks pavilion rental cost and reservations was briefed by Joe Burnor. He said that a plan is in work and would be presented soon. **(Open)**
- ❖ Priorities were talk about for the spring as soon as the weather permits, as to what we want to accomplish at the park especially with the upcoming baseball practice/season coming, a priority will be to replace the backstop on the main field. Jamie Bentley will be meeting with a contractor to see what needs to be done to replace the backstop. After that we need to look at the dugouts and lights on the main field. **(Open)**

***Priorities are still as follows: 1) Parking lot gate built/installed, 2) Lights in parking lot installed, 3) Basketball goals changed, 4) Bathrooms upgraded as much as budget will allow, 5) Baseball fields readied, new backstop replacement, and dugouts and field lights looked at for the upcoming season.

No other old business.

New Business:

- ❖ Joe Burnor briefed he would put together a survey sample and get it to the park board members to see what they think of the survey which will be what goes out to city residents for their thoughts on city park improvements. Also, that grant request for park improvements will be put on hold until later this summer to allow the finance committee time to put together worthwhile packages and allow plenty of time to get the grants submitted well before their deadlines. **(Open)**
- ❖ Work committees was discussed on getting current park projects accomplished. The park board recommended a complete review and reprioritization of all open

items identified by the park board on the open spreadsheet this will be done during the next meeting to set priorities and work needing to be accomplished very soon before the spring season arrives. **(Open)**

- ❖ President Tim Storms said the 5-10 year plans the park board wants to put together for park improvements and a possible second park will be put on hold until we can accomplish other priorities, we need to get taken care of at this time.

No other new business.

Motion to close meeting was made by Jamie Bentley and seconded by Joe Burnor which was accepted by the board. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm. Next scheduled meeting will be March 9, 2021 at 5:30 pm. at Knob Noster City Hall.