**Minutes**

**Knob Noster Park Board**

**June 15, 2021**

The Knob Noster Park Board met on June 15, 2021, for a regular scheduled meeting.

***Call to Order:*** President Storms called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm. Member’s present were Catherine Plakorus, Tim Storms, Joe Burnor, and Trisha Wilcox. Also in attendance: Knob Noster Mayor, Tom Charrette and Alderman, Zach Grove.

Park Board Members not present: Jamie Bentley, Alderman Benjamin Liechti and one vacant position.

***Minutes:*** Minutes from meeting May 25, 2021, were reviewed by the park board members. Joe Burnor made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trisha Wilcox seconded the motion. Minutes were approved by the park board members.

***Public Participation:*** Alderman Zach Groves handed out a sample survey for the board to review. This survey would be distributed among residents in Knob Noster to obtain their input on what they would like to see in the city. Mr. Groves gathered information from other cities who have done something similar. The board will review the survey and come up with any suggestions to Mr. Groves by the 29 June 2021 board meeting.

***Old Business:***

* The board went over their top four items on the 2021 budget and updated progress:
  + Bleachers have been put in for the T-ball field and are being put to good use. Tim Stroh did a great job leveling the ground for us and getting the area ready for bleachers to be installed. Tim Storms asked for the board to think about and consider getting another set of bleachers for the 3rd base line at the Tball field.
  + Tree trimming has been taken care of.
  + Orkin has been out to spray for the month of May and is due back to spray the end of June.
  + The dog waste station has been put up by Zach off the small parking lot. Discussion is in the works of purchasing another one to be put near the large parking lot.
* Ben Liechti, Tim Storms and Zach Groves met at the park June 5, 2021, to have a workday. The team was able to get the bleachers set at the Tball field. Due to the length of time it took for the crew to work on the bleachers, a bathroom workday will be rescheduled after ball season. The Board will work on one bathroom at a time, so they are not both closed to the public.
* The ditch along the big parking lot has been dug out. There was a lot of dirt left in the parking lot. Tim Storms was going to go and look and it and see what else needed to be done. He will also get with City Administrator Scott Peterson and find out who did the work.
* Tim met with Scott regarding the keys to the restrooms. Scott informed Tim he is not sure who has the keys. Tim believes KNYSA has a key to the restrooms, he is going to verify with Jamie Bentley.
* The board will be installing a flagpole outside center field on the main baseball field. Mayor Tom Charette met with Amy Schouten the City Clerk and will know by the first part of next week about his order. Discussion was had about putting a rock garden around the pole, 2 to 3 ft out so a memorial plaque can be put out. The question was brought up about who would be responsible for lowering and raising the flag, this is TBD.
* Tim asked Zach if he was still interested in putting in a rock garden wall. Zach is still working on the idea. Zach reached out to the County Recorder and received a plot map of the park. That document was shared with the board.
* Tim spoke with Jamie (KNYSA) regarding the yellow bin at the park. Jamie was going to speak with the KNYSA board to see if the bin is still available and if the park can use it for lost and found items.
* Bathroom remodel updates will not be done until the baseball/softball season are complete. The goal is July-August. A date will be determined in the 29 June meeting if possible.
* Walking path in the park to go behind the baseball field will be addressed later with the Master Plan Committee.
* Walking Bridge plans are on hold until more research is done and the Master Plan Committee with look at down the road.
* Bleachers were installed at the Tball field.
* Tim Storms is going to work with Jim at All Pro Electric to install the poles. The Park needs to be marked to show where the poles are going to be located. Tim is going to speak with Bart about the poles currently in the small parking lot. Tim said he is going to speak with Dig Rite.
* Finance committee met and brought to the board some fundraising ideas for summer events to be held at the city park. The plan is to host an event one night each in July, August, September. The board asked the finance committee to meet again and set dates/events and bring to June 29, 2021, meeting for further discussion.
* Finance committee briefed about the “Pennies for Play” change jars to be set up in local businesses. Several establishments are on board, there are several we are still waiting for responses on. Ben Liechti is working to secure the “jars” for the businesses to use.
* Master Plan Committee discussed the survey that was put together and are wanting to get feedback from the residents to see how they want to plan the future of the City Park.
* The letter of park board members had some corrections that needed to be made before it is given to Mayor Charette. Tim will make the necessary updates and have at the June 29, 2021, meeting.

***New Business:***

* New playground equipment was discussed, and all members of the board were asked to bring their ideas to the next meeting on June 29, 2021. Scott Holmberg gave a facebook group “Inclusive Park” for the board to get ideas.
* Tim Storms briefed the board on his meeting with Johnson County United Way coordinator, Scott Holmberg at the city park. Scott is a wealth of knowledge and able to help the board with fundraising ideas, ideas for places to purchase equipment, etc. The Park Board will continue to work with Mr. Holmberg for innovative ideas that can be implemented to better our park.

***No other new business was discussed.***

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Joe Burnor and seconded by Catherine Plakorus. All board members were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm.

Next scheduled meeting will be June 29, 2021, at 5:30 pm at Knob Noster City Hall.