**Minutes**

**Knob Noster Park Board**

**October 13, 2020**

The Knob Noster Park Board met on October 13, 2020 for a regular scheduled meeting.

**Call to Order:** President Storms called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Members present were Joe Burnor, Ben Liechi, Catherine Plakorus, Trisha Wilcox, and Tim Storms attending on Zoom Zachary Grove. Also, in attendance: Mayor Adam Morton.

**Minutes:** Minutes from meeting October 13, 2020 were reviewed by park board members. Joe Burnor made a motion to approve the minutes as written and seconded by Trisha Wilcox. Board approved minutes.

**Old Business:**

* No Applications have been received on the open park board position. Mayor Adam Morton will put the word out and accept applications. A recommendation was to get a liaison from Whiteman AFB. Trisha Wilcox will send an email to try and solicit someone from the base. (Open)
* Consideration/discussion of immediate city park improvements on spreadsheet was briefed by Zachary Grove. The train and spaceship playground equipment on bouncy springs at city park have been removed because of potential safety hazards which was decided from the previous meeting in September. A question was asked as to where the equipment was taken and stored? A following up with Jeremy Karney KN Public Works Superintendent will be done to obtain this information. (Open)
* Zachary Grove also said the railroad ties around some of the equipment were being replaced at the park but not completed. (Open)
* A question was asked who maintained and what was stored in the shed at city park. This will be followed up with the city by Tim Storms. (Open)
* Follow up discussion with the recreation committee was discussed about the reservation/cost of reserving the park pavilion. Joe Burnor said this was still in work and not ready for review at this time before its presented to the city council for review/approval. (Open)
* The communications board at city park was asked about as to where this project was at and have, we heard anything from the high school. Zachary Grove briefed that because of COVID at the high school the project was running behind but he would check on it with the high school. Tim Storms said it probably would not be able to be installed at city park until spring now because of winter coming. (Open)
* An additional park board meeting each month was discussed for the months of October/November/December to get plans ready for early spring and was approved by the board. (Closed)
* A question was asked as to who was the Knob Noster sports commission point of contact and their contact phone number is for questions about the baseball fields. We need to have this person’s name for upcoming spring sports.

No other old business.

**New Business:**

* Many items were discussed for plans for the spring and putting together a wish list of items we want to pursue and setting deadlines. In addition, to what we will need bids or contracts for with city guidance and budget restraints. Also, what procedures need to be followed according to city guidelines, policies and laws and what kind of budget we will have to work with in 2021. This will be worked on by all three committees at their convenience and reported to all park board members as things are being developed by each committee. (Open)
* Many items were discussed during the meeting. The building and grounds committee as well as the finance committee will meet individually at their convenience. To put together their plan and priority for the remaining 2020 budget and what these remining funds should be used on considering time is running out before the end of the year and the funds for 2020 must be expended or lost. Each committee will also put together and bring things to the board as to what we would to try to accomplish in 2021. Items such as new playground equipment, lighting around the park, camaras for security, gates at the entries of the park as well getting grants from corporations/individuals, etc. in addition to giving tax credits for donations under city guidance, directives and laws. Also, to what kind of budget to submit to the city council for 2021 with costs and justifications. The recreational committee will work on the city-wide survey as to what residents would like to see their city park to look like with all ideas considered and when to conduct this survey. In addition, the recreational committee will work with the KN Sports Commission on sporting events at city park. This committee is working on procedures for reserving the pavilion at the park and what procedures will be followed for reservations. (Open)
* Other issues were discussed during the meeting. Items such as Monetary donations to the park board, an individual survey for the residents living around the park, sign replacements in and around the park. These items will be tabled and discussed at later meetings. (Open)
* The board set as priorities for the remaining 2020 budget funds the following areas: (a) Lights in the parking lots, (b) Gate at entrance of park, (c) Bathroom upgrades. Item (c) is contingent on weather and when the water is shut off at all the park facilities. The finance committee and building/grounds committee will meet at their convenience, individually, to look at these priorities set by the board and make further recommendations at the next meeting in October. (Open)
* Zach Grove give a presentation on new playground equipment from AB Creative with three different designs of equipment and each of their layouts. This was only to give the board an idea of what playground equipment could cost as we prepare for requesting funding for 2021 calendar year. Many questions were asked, and ideas discussed. Pictures of what other cities have done upgrading their individual parks playground equipment were also presented. Everyone understood that no commitments to any company or any individuals can be made prior to having the funding for the items in the actual budget and the city councils approval if funding is available so no laws or procedures are broken. A great presentation from Zack to get the ideas moving in the direction the park board would like to move in.

No other new business.

Motion to close meeting was made by Joe Burnor and seconded by Ben Liechi which was accepted by the board. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm. Next scheduled meeting will be November 10, 2020 at 5:30 pm. at Knob Noster City Hall.