

PARK/TREE BOARD MEETING

August 19, 2008

The Park and Tree Board, City of Kearney, Missouri, met in regular session at 6:30 P.M., August 19, 2008 at 100 East Washington with Kelly Peitzman presiding. Members present were Jeff Couchman, Julie Jones, Beverly Poynter and Ed Haney. Connie Buchanan was absent. Staff members present were Eric Marshall, Ryan Marcotte and Shirley Zimmerman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES A motion was made by Julie Jones and seconded by Connie Buchanan to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2008 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

NBC WORLD SERIES Staff reported that we hosted the 10 and Under NBC World Series July 25th thru 29th. The Banquet was held at the Kearney Junior High.

There were only six teams this year. The tournaments were down at least fifty percent in all age divisions this year due to high fuel prices.

Staff said due to the heavy rain they had to use forty bags of diamond dry to get the fields playable. With the donations from merchants, gate, etc. the tournament cleared approximately \$1500.

Staff said we won't be hosting a tournament next year. We will try to have some local tournaments of our own. We won't have to pay a fee upfront and host a banquet. We are also going to try and do a girl's fast pitch tournament.

TENNIS CLINIC Staff said we hosted a tennis clinic July 14th thru 18th and July 21st thru 25th. This is a break even deal. The instructor simply takes the money left after expenses. We had fourteen kids participate this year.

Ed Haney said his grandchild attended this clinic and he thought it was very good.

JESSE JAMES FESTIVAL UPDATE DEMO DERBY PIT Staff said the Jesse James Festival had come back to Staff and said instead of extending the pit to the North it needs to be extended to the East. Staff said this is much better and won't even be noticed from the road.

A motion was made by Jeff Couchman and seconded by Ed Haney to approve extending the demo derby pit to the East instead of the North. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

AMPHITHEATER Liverpool Staff reported that the Liverpool Concert had to be stopped due to weather shortly after the concert started. Mayor Dane wanted to try to get them back for a free concert and the Board of Aldermen approved the additional expenditure.

Staff said we hope to have Liverpool here on October 11th. That will be the same day as Halloween Hallows so Staff will have to leave early due to the Concert. We will have to do tear down on the next day.

Staff said the cost will be held down due to the fact they will use our sound system this time. Staff said we need to buy a larger monitor system with more speakers and then we won't have to be paying the large fees for Sound Check to provide them.

Hannah Montana/Hillary Duff Tribute Staff said we had approximately 800 people at the Hannah Montana/Hillary Duff Tribute. Staff said they were disappointed in the number for that concert.

Upcoming events Staff said we have the Rotary Club sponsoring Comedy Night August 23rd at the Amphitheater.

Staff said we will have the Bellamy Brothers at the Amphitheater September 6th. We will be honoring all contributors to the Amphitheater as well as the Board of Aldermen and Park Board.

Senior Citizen Trips Staff said the Senior trip to New Theatre on August 27th is sold out. We are trying an overnight trip to the Amana Colonies in September. We will return to New Theatre October 24th. November will be the tour of the Rich and Famous Homes. In December they see a Christmas show and then eat at Stroud's.

BOARD COMMENTS

PARK BOARD VACANCY Staff said we have had a vacancy on the Board for some time and we need to get that filled. Staff said they had talked to Mike Miller about going on the Board. If anyone has any other names they need to get them to Staff in the next week so Staff can take them to the Mayor.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business on the agenda, a motion was made by Jeff Couchman and seconded by Bev Poynter to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED: _____ **ATTEST:** _____
Kelly Peitzman, Chairperson Ed Haney, Secretary