

## **PARK/TREE BOARD MEETING**

**March 17, 2009**

The Park and Tree Board, City of Kearney, Missouri, met in regular session at 6:30 P.M., March 17, 2009 at 100 East Washington with President Kelly Peitzman presiding. Members present were Jeff Couchman, Julie Jones, Mike Miller and Connie Buchanan. Ed Haney and Beverly Poynter were absent. Staff members present were Eric Marshall, Ryan Marcotte and Shirley Zimmerman.

**AGENDA AMENDMENT** Staff said they would like to amend the agenda by adding the Optimist Club to Public Requests and Petitions. National Marketing Resources would like to have their request tabled until the next meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** A motion was made by Julie Jones and seconded by Mike Miller to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2009 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### **PUBLIC REQUESTS & PETITIONS**

**OPTIMIST CLUB BULL RIDE** Kenny Barham, 16600 NE 128<sup>th</sup> Street, Kearney, Missouri, Optimist Club representative, requested use of Jesse James Park to put on a bull ride August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. He said it would be similar to what they did last year.

Jeff Couchman asked if we had any problems with this event last time. Staff said no.

Jeff Couchman asked if this would be a conflict with Amphitheater scheduling. Ryan Marcotte said originally we had scheduled the movie, High School Musical for that date. Those types of movies are regulated by Disney as to when you can show them. This date didn't fall into their time frame so it has been moved to Labor Day week-end. There is a soccer tournament that week-end and the movie will be coordinated so that the soccer kids can attend. Therefore the date in August will work for the Optimist Club.

Eric Marshall said at the last meeting we implemented a policy of a 50/50 split of profits with outside organizations using the park. This money would be put in a fund to hold until a project for improvements for the park would be decided on.

Mr. Marshall said last year and the year before the Optimist Club built the new permanent arena. He said he would like to consider that as their contribution toward the Park. He said he would discuss this with the Board of Aldermen.

A motion was made by Julie Jones and seconded by Mike Miller to recommend to the Board of Aldermen to approve allowing the Optimist Club to use Jesse James Park to sponsor a bull ride on August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. The motion carried unanimously.

**KID FEST/MR. STINKY FEET** Bob Tate, 16203 Eldridge Road, Kearney, Missouri, representing the UPS Store, presented a request to host Mr. Stinky Feet at the Amphitheater in coordination with Kid Fest sponsored by Kearney Commercial Bank on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Tate said the Kearney Commercial Bank was looking to move their event to a date before school is out and the weather is not so hot. It was decided to combine these two events and help start off the amphitheater season.

Mr. Tate said the event is free to the public. They do ask for donations and all the money goes for Toys for Tots Literacy Fund. He said last year they raised \$1300 for the fund.

Mr. Tate said he is talking to the Lion's Club to handle parking. He said the Knights of Columbus will have the concession stand open. There will be free popcorn for the kids. Each kid will also get a bracelet which allows them to go to the concession stand and get a free hot dog and pop provided by Kearney Commercial Bank. The money from the concession stand will also go to the Toys for Tots Literacy Fund.

Mr. Tate said there will be the usual events connected to Kid Fest and they will be giving away prizes to the kids. Mr. Stinky Feet will perform at 3:00 P.M. He said the contract with Mr. Stinky Feet states that he can sell CD's and T shirts and he would keep the money from that.

Ryan Marcotte said they will need to pay for the sound man to operate the sound system. He said we have never charged Kearney Commercial Bank for the Kid Fest in the Park. It replaced an activity that the City used to fund and operate.

Mr. Tate said if it is okay with the City they will list the City in their advertising of the event. Staff said they would check about that.

A motion was made by Jeff Couchman and seconded by Mike Miller to recommend approval of UPS Store and Kearney Commercial Bank to host Kid Fest/Mr. Stinky Feet at the Amphitheater site on May 16<sup>th</sup>. The motion carried unanimously.

**BOB CHICHESTER-FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH** Bob Chichester, 13804 Hill Crest Drive, Liberty, Missouri, representing the First Baptist Church, requested to use the Amphitheater on May 31<sup>st</sup> for a Sunday morning church service and would follow with a church picnic. He said they would simply be moving their Sunday morning service from the church to the park.

Staff said they have a very good sound system person who will run the sound system. They will pay a user fee for the Amphitheater.

Connie Buchanan said since this is following the Blues Fest will the port a potties need serviced. Staff said we will have several of them there by that time and they will be fine.

Staff said there are no conflicts with the Amphitheater schedule.

**BOB CHICHESTER-FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH-CONT** A motion was made by Mike Miller and seconded by Julie Jones to recommend approval of the request by the First Baptist Church to hold Sunday morning church service at the Amphitheater on May 31<sup>st</sup> and then have a picnic in the park following the service and they will pay a user fee. The motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**TREE CITY USA/ARBOR DAY** Staff said we received notification that we have been awarded a Tree City USA award again this year. We will get a tree from Marshall Evergreen and plant the tree at Jesse James Park on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Staff said we would like to have the Park Board come out to the Park and have a picture taken. It was decided that April 2<sup>nd</sup> would work better for everyone.

**AMPHITHEATER SCHEDULE** Ryan Marcotte said we ran into a problem with having Gloriana open for Jamey Johnson. They are currently touring with Taylor Swift. They will perform on July 31<sup>st</sup> with an opening act before them.

Mr. Marcotte said we have located Scott Ford, who is a local in the Kansas City area, to open for Jamey Johnson. They are a country outlaw group.

We have gotten Tim Sprague who is similar to Outlaw Junkies to open for Shenandoah.

Jeff Couchman asked if all the events are on the web page. Ryan said all but Gloriana and we don't have their contract back yet.

**ADJOURNMENT** There being no further business on the agenda, a motion was made by Julie Jones and seconded by Mike Miller to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Kelly Peitzman, Chairperson** **Ed Haney, Secretary**

