

PARK/TREE BOARD MEETING

June 16, 2009

The Park and Tree Board, City of Kearney, Missouri, met in regular session at 6:30 P.M., June 16, 2009 at 100 East Washington with President Kelly Peitzman presiding. Members present were Jeff Couchman, Julie Jones and Ed Haney. Mike Miller and Connie Buchanan were 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 Ed Haney to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2009 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC REQUESTS & PETITIONS

FIELDING STATON SWIM SUIT CONTEST Staff presented a letter from Fielding Staton requesting permission to sponsor a Swimsuit Contest prior to the July 11th concert.

Staff said Mr. Staton was called out of town due to a death in the family and won't be in attendance. Mr. Staton said it would be in good taste and not allow thongs, etc.

Jeff Couchman asked if participants had to be eighteen or older. Staff said that is correct.

Eric Marshall said he had talked to Jim Eldridge about this. He said it is an adult concert and we can't really tell people they couldn't wear a swimsuit.

Jeff Couchman asked if this would be ahead of the concert and how long it would last. Staff said it would probably last fifteen minutes and they would intend for it to be ahead of the Mayor introducing the sponsors.

Kelly Peitzman said he wouldn't be opposed to giving it a try as long as they keep it in good taste. He said if it doesn't work out you would never do it again.

Eric Marshall said we wouldn't do any advertising of the event. Jeff Couchman said he didn't think the City should advertise or participate in the contest in any way.

Ed Haney said he wasn't in favor of doing it.

Julie Jones asked what type of crowd would be attending the concert. Staff said it would be drawing an older crowd. She said we have promoted the park as a family venue and she would hate to destroy that. She said we really need more details before making a decision.

Jeff Couchman said if the Park Board doesn't take any action on this he can always take it to the Board of Aldermen himself.

Due to a lack of a motion, no action was taken on the event.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS-AMPHITHEATER REQUEST Chad Coffelt, Knights of Columbus representative, said they would like to request to use the Amphitheater for the dance the second week-end of the Festival.

Mr. Coffelt said they know they would have to pay to use the sound system. He said they would fence the entire area in like the Fire Department will be doing the previous week-end. He said they would still have the tent up and serve the beer from that location. This would just allow the crowd to disperse over a larger area.

Jeff Couchman asked if they would use the front of the stage or open the door and use the entire stage. Mr. Coffelt said they would use the entire stage.

Kelly Peitzman asked if there would be a danger of damaging the sprinkler system when they put in the posts for the snow fence. Staff said the fencing would be outside the area of the sprinkler system.

Ryan Marcotte said the Festival Committee has first rights to the stage and the Knights would have to get approval from them for the time frame they were interested in.

Ed Haney asked how many people they anticipate attending. Mr. Coffelt said there would only be approximately 500 people on Friday night but they would expect 1500 to 2000 on Saturday night.

Ryan Marcotte said they would have to have plenty of security. He said they would need security in the stage area. He recommended that the sound system be set up on the stage instead of on the ground to the South of the stage.

Jeff Couchman asked if it would damage the grass if it rains a lot. Staff said that would be the last event for the year and it's established enough that it should be fine unless there was an unusual amount of rain. Staff said they need to have a backup plan in the event of bad weather because they won't be able to use the stage if it's heavy rain or storming.

Jeff Couchman said they need to understand that they have to coordinate with the Festival Committee. Julie Hedges, Festival Committee, said they will work with them. She said she was unsure of the time frame for the entertainment during the day.

A motion was made by Ed Haney and seconded by Julie Jones to approve the Knights of Columbus to use the Amphitheater for the dance the second week-end of the Festival with the following provisions:

1. Coordinate with the Jesse James Festival Committee.
2. In the event of rain, City Staff will decide if they can use the Amphitheater.
3. Have the sound board, etc on the stage rather than the ground.
4. Pay for the sound system.

The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

JESSE JAMES FESTIVAL COMMITTEE Staff said they wanted to report that the Jesse James Festival Committee has come before Staff with their plans earlier than they have in the last seven years.

Staff reported that they have purchased two aluminum bleachers for \$22,500 and installed them at the arena area. They have anchored them into the ground. It's not recommended to move them but they could be moved if needed.

NEW BUSINESS

JULY 3RD – BOSTON TRIBUTE Staff reported that there would be a Boston Tribute from 7:30 to 9:30 P.M. on July 3rd. There will be RV camping, blow ups from Carnival Time, watermelon, etc. There will be music played with the fireworks display.

Staff said the Optimist Club and Rotary Club are working together to cook for the band. They will set up a couple campers on the asphalt roadway and prepare the food there.

RECAP OF BLUES CONCERT AND EDGE OF FOREVER CONCERT Staff reported that both the Blues Fest and Edge of Forever Concert went off without any problems. They both made a profit so we are doing better than anticipated.

UPCOMING EVENTS Staff reported that there will be a demolition derby sponsored by the Jesse James Festival Committee this Saturday June 20th.

June 21st A-1 Wheels will be having a car show and tour.

June 27th will be Movie in the Park showing ET.

July 11th will be the Shooting Star concert.

July 18th will be Theater in the Park doing Disney's High School Musical.

Ed Haney said he wanted to thank Staff for the great job so far at the Amphitheater. He said we are off to a good start for the year.

Julie Jones said the sound is really good at the Amphitheater this year.

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

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