

## **PARK/TREE BOARD MEETING**

**August 18, 2009**

The Park and Tree Board, City of Kearney, Missouri, met in regular session at 6:30 P.M., August 18, 2009 at 100 East Washington with president Kelly Peitzman presiding. Members present were Jeff Couchman, Julie Jones, Mike Miller, Bruce Sprague, Ed Haney and Connie Buchanan. Staff members present were Eric Marshall, Ryan Marcotte and Shirley Zimmerman.

**OATH OF OFFICE** Shirley Zimmerman administrated the Oath of Office to Bruce Sprague. He will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Beverly Poynter. His term will expire December 1, 2009.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** A motion was made by Julie Jones and seconded by Mike Miller to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2009 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**AMPHITHEATER CONCERT RECAPS** **Jamey Johnson Concert** Ryan Marcotte reported that the Jamey Johnson Concert went very well. He said they estimated the crowd at 2400 people. This concert netted \$12,376.

**Gloriana** Ryan Marcotte reported that the Gloriana Concert went well considering there was a big concert at the Sprint Center the same night. We estimated the crowd at 850 and we netted \$250.

**Shenandoah** Ryan Marcotte reported that the Shenandoah Concert didn't do very well and we lost \$7,000 on that concert. He said we will probably move away from classic country and go more towards new and upcoming country artists.

Eric Marshall said we would like to try and upgrade the equipment and that will help cut down the cost of big concerts. We spent a lot on sound equipment for Shenandoah.

Mayor Dane said he wanted to congratulate the Park Board on a great season at the Amphitheater. He said we had thought we would lose between \$20,000 and \$22,000 this year but we will break even or better this year.

Mayor Dane said we budgeted \$91,000 this year for the Amphitheater and he would like to see us budget up to \$150,000 for next year.

Kelly Peitzman said the Staff achieves the schedule and the Park Board just approves it. He said Staff deserves the credit for all the hard work put in to organizing the events and making them happen.

**AMPHITHEATER CONCERT RECAPS** Mike Miller said he spent part of one concert day with Staff and he was amazed at all they have to do to get ready. He said they put in a lot of time and hard work.

Eric Marshall said this year we paid Rotary Club to help set up and tear down and that has worked very well. He said we also used the Explorers to help with security and keep people from going back stage.

Mayor Dane said that Monday after the Jamey Johnson Concert, Q104 radio station was really bragging on the great venue that Kearney had.

Ed Haney asked how it worked with taking tickets at the gate instead of from the cars. Staff said it worked really well. The fence also helped keep people away from the bands, entertainers, etc. We will be getting prices for permanent fencing.

Mike Miller asked how security was working. Staff said as a whole everything was going fine.

Jeff Couchman asked if there were any issues with concessions. Staff said it seemed to go well.

### **PARK UPDATES**

**Eagle Scout Benches** Staff said we have an Eagle Scout that is going to place a bench on the North side of the pond in Jesse James Park. It will be between the pond and the walking trail so people at either place can use it.

Kelly Peitzman said if this is another project where the City pays for materials and the Scout does the work, the Optimist Club will make a donation toward materials.

**Eagle Scout shelter** Staff said we are in very early stages of working with another Scout who wants to build a shelter in Jesse James Park. It will probably either be at the playground or at the top of the hill at the Amphitheater.

Mayor Dane said he would like to see the City find a way to build three or four shelters along the top of the hill at the Amphitheater. He said you could then rent them out for concerts to help create another revenue stream for the Amphitheater.

**Swim Pool Survey** Staff said we put the question of whether people would support a ½ cent sales tax for a swim pool on the back of the water bills. We have had a really good response and 62 percent of the responses have been yes.

Kelly Peitzman asked what percentage we would need for a sales tax to pass. Mayor Dane said it depends on how it is worded and when we run it on the ballot. It could take a simple majority or 4/7 percent.

**Motorcycle cruise & stop over at Jesse James Park** Staff said Shawn Barber, Stables Bar and Grill, has asked to use Jesse James Park as a stop over for a National Motorcycle Cruise August 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Motorcycle cruise & stop over at Jesse James Park-Cont** This is a ride across the United States to raise money for disabled Vietnam veterans. They will start arriving on the 30<sup>th</sup> and stay in hotels. Then they will meet on the 31<sup>st</sup> at 7 AM and depart to go on out to Kansas.

TV Channels 4 and 5 plan to come out to cover the event. The Knights will be serving them breakfast.

Connie Buchanan asked if there would be vendors, etc. out there. Staff said no.

Mayor Dane said there will be between 200 and 400 bikes there. This is simply a stopping point for them. He said it will be an opportunity to show off our Amphitheater to the news people while they are in the Park.

Ed Haney said we should get a band to play or at least have music playing to show off the sound, etc. of the Amphitheater.

A motion was made by Julie Jones and seconded by Mike Miller to allow the National Motorcycle Cruise to use Jesse James Park August 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. The motion carried unanimously.

### **BOARD COMMENTS**

**ED HANEY** Ed Haney said he wanted to compliment Staff on doing a great job picking the music, etc. for the Amphitheater this year. He said it has all gone very well.

**KELLY PEITZMAN** Kelly Peitzman said the Optimist Club and the Explorers Club had a bull ride at the Park and it all went very well. He said there was an issue with insurance and it wasn't a problem with them because they have insurance through the National Organization. He said for those organizations that don't have that option, he wondered if the City could offer some assistance to them to get the insurance.

Mayor Dane said the Federal and State require the 2.6 million dollar policy. He said events like a bull ride or mud run certainly do need that much coverage. He said we can offer them the option to contact our insurance broker and get their coverage.

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

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