

## **PARK/TREE BOARD MEETING**

**July 20, 2010**

The Park and Tree Board, City of Kearney, Missouri, met in regular session at 6:30 P.M., July 20, 2010 at 100 East Washington with Jeff Couchman presiding. Members present were Bruce Sprague, Mike Miller, Ed Haney and Julie Jones. Connie Buchanan and Kelly Peitzman were absent. Staff members present were Eric Marshall, Ryan Marcotte and Shirley Zimmerman.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Ed Haney said under Board Comments it should say that the person drank all the cups.

A motion was made by Julie Jones and seconded by Mike Miller to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2010 meeting with the correction. The motion carried unanimously.

### **PUBLIC REQUESTS & PETITIONS**

**DEB HARRIS—MISSOURI STATE HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT** Staff said Deb Harris is back before the Park Board to approve a site revision.

Deb Harris said they decided that the soccer fields would be damaged by the mats that they put down around the pit areas. They decided to use Mack Porter Park and locate on the asphalt parking lot. She said the mats would protect the asphalt.

Ms. Harris said they would need approval to sell alcohol in Mack Porter Park.

Ed Haney asked if this would open us up to problems later by allowing alcohol. Staff said no because it is a special event and those are dealt by on a case by case basis.

Jeff Couchman asked if there would be enough parking. Ms. Harris said she thought there was plenty of parking. She said some of the contestants would still be using the RV parking in Jesse James Park.

A motion was made by Bruce Sprague and seconded by Mike Miller to approve the site revisions of the Missouri State Horseshoe Tournament to be moved to Mack Porter Park and allow alcohol in Mack Porter Park. The motion carried unanimously.

**DR. MARK YAHLE – GEO CACHING IN JESSE JAMES PARK** Staff said Dr. Yahle isn't in attendance tonight so we will table his application.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**PAVILION REBID – AUG. 12<sup>TH</sup>** Staff said we will be rebidding the pavilion project on August 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. We hope that without the time restraints this time the bids will be better.

**PAVILION REBID – AUG. 12<sup>TH</sup> CONT** They won't start until after the Jesse James Festival and be completed by December 4<sup>th</sup>.

**MACK PORTER PARK TRAIL REBID – AUG. 12<sup>TH</sup>** Staff said we will be rebidding the Mack Porter Park Trail. We have removed three parking spaces in the trail head. The bike racks and park benches have been removed. We also lowered the grade of the trail.

**AMPHITHEATER/JESSE JAMES PARK ENTRANCE SIGN** Staff said the concrete has been formed and the tube is in place. Platte Clay Electric has to do some trenching for the wiring. Hopefully it will be moved by the end of the week.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**LIONS PARK THEATER IN PARK RECAP** Staff reported that Theater In The Park was this past week-end. They estimated about 200 people on Friday night and between 225 and 250 on Saturday night.

Staff said we will be discussing the Play with the Mayor on Friday morning and then we will meet with the theater group to discuss the future.

**LIONS PARK STAGE REPAIRS** Staff said the stage is dire need of having the roof replaced. It is too steep to be a Scout project so we are looking for someone to donate labor. We also need to make some repairs on the Lions Park sign.

Staff asked Mike Miller to get estimates on materials.

**SENIOR TRIPS AND FITNESS PROGRAM** Ryan Marcotte reported that the senior trips are going great. He said a majority of the people going don't live in the City of Kearney.

Mr. Marcotte said he is working with the instructor that does the fitness program at the Methodist Church to move the event to the Senior Center. It would cost us about \$3,000 to get all the equipment needed. There would be a small fee to participate.

A motion was made by Julie Jones and seconded by Mike Miller to approve the Fitness Program and purchase the equipment needed. The motion carried unanimously.

### **AMPHITHEATER ITEMS**

**Band Perry** Mr. Marcotte said the Band Perry crowd was less than expected but the weather was very unpredictable that day. They are a brand new band so they don't have a lot of songs out yet. Originally they were to be an opening act for a show that fell through so we decided to go ahead and use them as the main attraction.

With the Blue Fest doing better than expected we are actually \$1,500 in the black at the present time. We expect the three country acts to do well.

**July 3<sup>rd</sup> Recap** We estimated that about 3,000 cars and 9,000 people attended the July 3<sup>rd</sup> fireworks. Everyone seemed to enjoy the band that played.

We are talking about increasing the fee for the RV parking. We will charge a deposit and they will have to be there by a certain time to park in that area.

**Journey/Zepplin Tribute** There were about 800 people at the Journey Tribute show and everyone had a good time.

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

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeff Couchman, Acting President Ed Haney, Secretary