

PARK/TREE BOARD MEETING

August 17, 2010

The Park and Tree Board, City of Kearney, Missouri, met in regular session at 6:30 P.M., August 17, 2010 at 100 East Washington with Kelly Peitzman presiding. Members present were Jeff Couchman, Mike Miller, Connie Buchanan and Julie Jones. Bruce Sprague and Ed Haney 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 Mike Miller to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2010 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

PAVILION REBID Staff reported that we rebid the pavilion in Jesse James Park and the bid came in much better. We have asked the low bidder about using steel posts instead of wood. They said they would do that and it made the entire package then be about \$160,000. They will match the colors in the park.

Jeff Couchman asked what the time frame would be on the project. Staff said we won't start until after Jesse James Festival and it should be no more than ninety days.

Staff said it would go to the Board of Aldermen on August 30th and it would be good for Kelly Peitzman to be there representing the Park Board. Kelly Peitzman said that would be fine.

A motion was made by Julie Jones and seconded by Mike Miller to recommend to the Board of Aldermen to accept the bid for the pavilion in Jesse James Park. The motion carried unanimously.

MACK PORTER TRAIL REBID Staff reported that we rebid the Mack Porter Trail and that didn't go well. We took out approximately \$18,000 in items from the project and it only came in \$4,000 lower than last time. The big issue here is the stabilization of the soil in that area. We may have to have them add fly ash.

The bid must be on the MoDOT Web Site to receive grant money and it didn't get on their site this time. They may have us reject the bids and rebid the project again. This won't jeopardize our grant money.

AMPHITHEATER/JESSE JAMES PARK ENTRANCE SIGN Staff reported that the sign has been moved to Jesse James Park but there have been a lot of problems with the programming of the sign. Hopefully they will get it to where we can program it with the last two shows.

NEW BUSINESS

FALL GIRLS VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE Staff said the flyers will go out next week for the fall girl's volleyball league. The High School coach and varsity players will do the evaluations and pick the teams.

FALL ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE Staff said they would be sending out flyers on the fall adult softball league. The leagues would start the week following Labor Day.

AMPHITHEATER

PASS LIST AT GATE Staff said there is beginning to be problems at the gate in regard to pass lists. The number of people saying they should get in free is growing. The Board of Aldermen and Park Board members and a guest are to get in free. We also allow all volunteers to get in. The groups are getting paid to help with set up, etc. but members of their families try to get in also.

There was some discussion about groups getting paid to help shouldn't be allowed to bring in guests free.

A motion was made by Connie Buchanan and seconded by Mike Miller to recommend that the workers with wrist bands and Board of Aldermen and Park Board members and their guests would be all that got in free. The motion carried unanimously.

PARADISE CITY/GUNS N ROSES Staff said this show had a very low turn out and was a disappointment.

JUSTIN MOORE This show had a real good turnout and was the largest show so far this year. We made \$8670 on this show.

DAVID NAIL This show didn't sell well at all. We lost about \$7100.

LIBERTY HOSPITAL PRIVATE PICNIC/CONCERT Staff said Liberty Hospital has rented the amphitheater for a picnic and concert for all employees of Liberty Hospital. They are paying rent and for a sound man. They expect around one thousand people in attendance. This will be good exposure for our venue.

RANDY HOUSER Staff said we hope this will be our largest concert. There will be fireworks following the show.

EDGE OF FOREVER Staff said the City is paying for this concert as our contribution to the 40th Anniversary of the Jesse James Festival. We will give the Festival 50 percent of the gross receipts.

POSSIBLE UPGRADES Staff said we hope to be able to upgrade the light system for next year. We would take the tower down and use the beam. It would save us an hour

and a half before and after shows. We may be able to get a “Green” Grant to help pay for it.

We also would like to get an awning to protect the front of the stage and the new lights.

We are considering doing a permanent fence. We could use money from the maintenance budget to help pay for it.

We are considering some type of permanent structure at the gate entrance.

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

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