

July 19, 2011

The Park and Tree Board, City of Kearney, Missouri, met in regular session at 6:30 P.M. July 19, 2011 at 100 East Washington with Kelly Peitzman presiding. Members present were Jeff Couchman, Mike Miller, Julie Jones, Connie Crawford and Ed Haney. Bruce Sprague was absent. Staff members present were Eric Marshall, Ryan Marcotte and Shirley Zimmerman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Ed Haney asked what the bill was for backline rental. Staff said Skid Row didn't bring all their equipment with them so we had to rent equipment and provide it.

A motion was made by Ed Haney and seconded by Mike Miller to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2011 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC REQUESTS & PETITIONS

ED WILLIAMS – KEARNEY LION'S CLUB Ed Williams, 20810 NE 159th Street, Kearney, Missouri said on behalf of the Lion's Club he wanted to request moving of the mud pit.

Mr. Williams said when the Jesse James Festival Committee put up the light poles one of them is straight out from the end of the run. He said he would like to move the pit to the East for the safety of the drivers and insurance purposes.

Eric Marshall asked if the Lion's Club told them where to set the poles. Mr. Williams said they never talked to him at all.

Eric Marshall asked how far from the end of the pit to the pole. Mr. Williams said maybe fifty feet.

Mr. Williams said they would fill in the pit and then extend it to the East about twenty feet. He said they would leave the barriers where they are on the West side.

Eric Marshall said he didn't have a problem with it as long as they fill in the original pit and pack it down and seed it. He said we must still keep the people back and we don't want the pit to be made bigger.

Alderman Couchman asked what the standard length of a pit is. Mr. Williams said they are usually about 120 feet long.

A motion was made by Ed Haney and seconded by Julie Jones to approve the request of the Lion's Club to move the mud pit. The motion carried unanimously.

Eric Marshall said it is in the contract with the Lion's Club to not use the NE corner, which is used by the Cross Country Team.

ED WILLIAMS – KEARNEY LION’S CLUB-CONT Ed Haney asked what this area is used for during the Mud Run. Mr. Williams said it is for overflow staging. He said the cross country team runs on the outer edge of the area so he wondered if he could use the area in the center of the field.

Connie Crawford asked how we would keep the trucks from the outer edge. Ed Williams said the ROTC from Warrensburg will be here directing traffic. He said they will use 4 wheelers and direct the trucks where to go.

Kelly Peitzman said maybe we should put up posts and tape off the area for the cross country. Eric Marshall said that can be done.

A motion was made by Connie Crawford and seconded by Ed Haney to amend the contract with the Lion’s Club for the Mud Run to allow the NE corner to be used for staging of the trucks but the outer areas would be roped off for the cross country team. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

LIONS PARK STAGE-RIBBON CUTTING Staff reported that the ribbon cutting ceremony for the extension of the stage in Lion’s Park went well.

DECEL LANE – JESSE JAMES PARK Staff reported that they have started on the decel lane at the entrance to Jesse James Park.

KEARNEY NIGHT AT “K” Staff reported that we sold 105 tickets to Kearney Night at the “K” on July 24th.

NEW BUSINESS

FRISBEE GOLF COURSE Staff said we will be working on developing a Frisbee golf course in Jesse James Park to the South of the Amphitheater in the wooded area. It will be a full 18 hole course.

Kelly Peitzman asked if we could hold tournaments. Staff said that is possible. We will use the lower soccer field parking area for this course.

Kelly Peitzman asked if we will need to purchase equipment. Staff said they will be coming back about that at a later date.

Ed Haney said they had one in Hannibal but they said it didn’t get used very much. Staff said the KC Flying Disk group says they will help promote the course and bring in tournaments.

PEDESTALS AT LIONS PARK Staff said they will be installing two pedestals at Lion’s Park like the ones in Jesse James Park for electricity at the stage.

CONTRACTS WITH SPORT ORGANIZATIONS Staff said two weeks ago they met with KHRA and the Soccer League to work on contracts with them. It will clarify what the City will do and not do in regard to them using the facilities. The heart of the matter is usage of the fields. We plan to also have them give us specific dates they are using the fields and then other groups can use the fields when they aren't.

AMPHITHEATER ITEMS Staff said the Jerrod Niemann and Skid Row concerts were very good but attendance was down. We believe the weather and economy are playing a part in attendance. The July 3rd concert and fireworks were a huge success. The Justin Moore concert is coming up and it will be our largest show of the year.

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 Pietzman, Chairman Ed Haney, Secretary