

Parks Committee

City of Roeland Park
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 11th, 2016
Roeland Park City Hall

Attendees

-**Committee members and liaisons**- Corey Coe, Pat Frankin, Jan Grebe, Tyler Steele, Erin Thompson (Council Liaison), Jose Leon (Public Works Director), Kathleen Whitworth

Call to Order by Jan Grebe

Approval of Minutes: April, 2016 meeting minutes approved

- **2016 available funds for Parks Committee**
 - \$1253 in Parks budget

Old Business

Action items completed

- Community Center landscaping project has been completed by Public Works. The new landscaping is very attractive.
- New landscaping was installed in front of City Hall by Public Works. Island on Juniper and Sycamore will be targeted next. One island and City Hall will finish work for 2016 on this project.

New Business

Resident voices

- A concern was raised regarding the uneven weathering of the R Park picnic tables and benches. It was stated that the weathering should even out with time as the amenities age.
- A compliment was received regarding the newly installed basketball nets at R Park.

Vandalism in the Parks

- One trash receptacle at R Park was scratched. One bench at Granada Park was marked with graffiti within the last month.

Park Passport Program in celebration of National Parks & Recreation Month

- Jose presented a flyer for the NE Johnson County Park Passport Program Flyer for review
- Program will run from July 1st through August 6th
- A cooperative effort between Fairway, Leawood, Merriam, Mission, Prairie Village and Roeland Park to encourage visitation to one park within each city
- Prizes will be awarded
- To be advertised on the Roeland Park website, Facebook, Constant Contact, etc.
- Committee thought the flyer and program were very worthwhile and fun for NE Johnson County residents
- Kelly Bohon owner

Tree Markers

- Tree marker design and sample verbiage were presented by Jan Grebe to the Committee for consideration. Cost for R Park would be \$750 (\$25 each) plus shipping for 30 markers using 5X7" plaques with extra- long posts and anchors. The Committee felt that we would like to TRY the tree markers n R Park. If successful this amenity might be expanded to other parks at some future date.

New and Ongoing Action items

- R Park Drinking Fountain installation status- First National Bank Plaque honoring donors has been ordered. Two water meter pits must be dug at either end for the water connection in preparation for the two connections. Public Works has assumed responsibility for this task. Target completion date is mid-June.
- Nall Park restroom, shelter and drinking fountain renovation is underway however completion date had to be pushed out due to a few snags. Targeting June for completion.
- Jennifer to update Council on Parks activities on 5/16/2016.
- Committee reviewed the proposed long term Capital Improvement Budget and the following recommendations were made:

- Move R Park tennis court revitalization to the year 2017 and give this project a high priority
- Move the Nall Park walking/bike path project to the year 2017
- Correct the cost for Nall Park walking/bike trail to \$13,500
- Correct the Nall Park Disc Golf cost to \$20,000

Arbor Day @ R Park Post Mortem

- Attendance was disappointing however it was felt that the inclement weather played a role in reducing attendance.
- Committee agreed to relook at the Arbor Day celebration in an effort to increase attendance and interest.
- Suggestions included:
 - Hold the event during the week and work with the schools to encourage attendance
 - Hold the event at the Community Center to avoid inclement weather
 - Move the event to Sweeney Park within walking distance of Roesland and St. Agnes
 - Determine what we are trying to accomplish with this event and focus on the primary goal of the event
 - Need to start planning event in November

Public Works Appreciation Week

- It was agreed that the Parks Committee would like to recognize all the good works of Public Works employees on May 20th. Jan agreed to develop verbiage for thank you note. Presentation at luncheon from Parks was suggested by Jose. (Jennifer?)

Open Action Items from previous meetings

- Community for all ages-Status?
- Donor policy-Where is this?
- Memorial tree program-Status and donor costs?
- Sun sails &-First National Bank discussion is needed

Motions Approved

- Meeting adjournment

Other Matters/Reminders/Announcements

- **Future Citizen's Fundraising Events**
 - June 25th, 2016 Soccer Clinic
 - Pirate Day-June 6th AM prior to City Wide Block Party
 - October 15th "Chili and Country Music" RPCC 6-9PM
- **Future Arts Committee Events**
 - Music under the Stars July 22nd, RP Community Center
- **Future Events Committee Events**
 - Citywide Block Party-June 4th, 3:00 PM @R Park
 - Barktoberfest October 8th @R Park

Parks Committee Meetings-Next Regular Committee Meeting: Wednesday, June, 15th 6:00 PM City Hall. Bench selection Committee to present options for Granada Park and Carpenter Park for review.