

Minutes
Parks Committee
 CITY of ROELAND PARK
Wednesday, March 7, 2015; 10:00am
RJ's Bob-Be-Que Shack
5835 Lamar Avenue

Committee:

Isaac Mallula
 Jan Grebe
 Jennifer Provyn
 Shea Geist
 Tyler Steele

Guests:
 None

PURPOSE. The purpose of the parks advisory committee is to make recommendations to the governing body concerning city owned parks and parkland. The committee shall also act as a tree board to recommend regulations relating to the planting of trees, shrubs and other plantings upon city owned property; to promote beautification of the city and the protection of the public health and safety; and to provide for the preservation and removal of diseased tree, shrubs and plantings.

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes: N/A

Amendments to the Agenda: N/A

Unfinished Business

- A. Nall Park Swingset Replacement Parts: Motion to approve expenditure of \$305.00 in committee funds (minus possible \$100 donation) for 7 rings with hangers, chain, and S hooks made by Ike, seconded by Jennifer, Carried)
- B. Arbor/Earth/New Tree Day
 - Shea reported on her conversation with City Arborist, Carl Wisdom, regarding past events:
 - Carl reported an attendance of about 250 in 2014 due to the combination of Arbor Day and the Easter Egg Hunt. The attendance in 2013 was about 50-75, which is closer to the expected attendance for this year.
 - Carl will need about 20 minutes to present regarding Arbor Day, the new trees and the Emerald Ash Borer.
 - Given that the new trees are expected to be planted in time for the event, Carl will prepare a laminated hanger for each new tree showing a picture of the mature tree and giving a description of the tree. These are intended to be temporary, giving visitors to R Park an introduction to the trees – starting the day of the event and lasting as long as they last.
 - Carl will purchase 50 seedlings for distribution at the event.
 - Shea reported that meeting with Sustainability had the following outcomes:
 - Sustainability agreed to the date of 4/25 with a time of 11am-1pm
 - Sustainability agreed to participate in setup and breakdown on the day of the event
 - Members of Sustainability will sponsor/man booths regarding bee keeping, attracting butterflies and rain barrels/gardens.
 - Sustainability agreed to find additional exhibitors for the event
 - Parks agreed on the title A^ENT (pronounced like “ant”) Day for the event, keeping the emphasis on Arbor Day as required to maintain our Tree City standing.
 - Tyler noted that his wife works for BikeWalkKC, and may be able to provide helmet fitting and bike safety at the event.
 - Kathleen agreed to bring cookies.

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- Shea will create a flier and provide content for the RP newsletter and social media.
- All other committee and event will be invited to have a presence at the event.

New Business

- A. Community Requests: N/A
- B. Citizen's Fundraising Initiative for R Park Report: N/A
- C. Public Works Report: N/A
- D. Other Committee Reports: N/A

Adjourn

Next meeting: March 11@ 6pm at City Hall

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