



Parks Board 2018-2019

Jason Mangum, Director of Parks & Recreation
Randy Troxell, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation
Kevin Browne, Recreation Superintendent
Barry Hamilton, Parks Superintendent
Pamela Andrews, Board Member
J.R. Atkins, Board Member
Alan Atwater, Board Member
Diane Giltner, Board Member
Don Johnson, Board Member

Thomasine Johnson, Board Member
Adrian Matteucci, Board Member
Sharman McGilbert, Vice-Chair
Brian Merchant, Board Member
Loveless Mitchell, Board Member
Victoria Porter, Board Member
Buddy Snyder, Board Member
Llarance Turner, Chairman

PARKS BOARD MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 4, 2018

ATTENDEES:

Board members in attendance: Pamela Andrews, J.R. Atkins, Diane Giltner, Don Johnson, Thomasine Johnson, Adrian Matteucci, Brian Merchant, Buddy Snyder, Victoria Porter, and Chairman Llarance Turner. **Absent:** Alan Atwater, Vice-Chair Sharman McGilbert and Loveless Mitchell.

Staff in attendance: Director of Parks & Recreation Jason Mangum, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation Randy Troxell, Parks Superintendent Barry Hamilton, Recreation Superintendent Kevin Browne, Recreation Specialist Daniele Stewart, Recreation Specialist Adam Lofters, Recreation Specialist Trey Samuel, Assistant City Attorney James Santangelo, and Administrative Assistant Tricia Yurcak.

Others in attendance: Jana McMullen.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

2. CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

Board member Andrews made a motion to approve the September 6, 2018 minutes. Board member Atkins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. **The motion passed.**

3. CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF AMENDED AUGUST 2, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

Board member D. Johnson made a motion to approve the August 2, 2018 minutes. Board member Atkins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. **The motion passed.**

There were no **PUBLIC COMMENTS**.

5. DISCUSS NOMINATIONS FOR CITY MUNICIPAL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Board member Matteucci presented the agenda item, and stated he would like to nominate Margo Webb, president of Missouri City Green, for the Volunteer of the Year award with the City's Municipal Volunteer Program. He stated that Ms. Webb attends nearly every event held by Missouri City Green, if not every event. Board member Matteucci made a motion recommending Margo Webb as the Board's choice of nominee for the MVP Volunteer of the Year award. Board member Andrews seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. **The motion passed.**

6. DISCUSS SPONSORSHIPS FOR CITY MAINTENANCE

Board member T. Johnson asked about sponsorships in the previous meeting, and whether there was an opportunity to have sponsorships pay for City maintenance. Assistant City Attorney Santangelo stated he would look into the possibility of recognized sports associations to rent advertising space for sponsorships and report back. Director Mangum stated we would need to find out guidelines about permanent advertising. He stated the way municipal budgets work, any revenue made goes into the general fund.

There isn't an enterprise fund, or a special account that would allow dollars to be specially used for improving park maintenance. He stated he would need to check into whether that is a possibility.

Ms. McMullen, of 2103 Quail Valley East Drive, stated she was present to make sure anything the organization she's involved with does regarding sponsorships and banners doesn't go against City ordinance.

7. REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RECOGNIZED SPORTS ASSOCIATION APPLICANT(S)

Director Mangum stated there are currently no RSA applications to approve.

8. STAFF REPORTS

a. Park Projects

Assistant Director Troxell distributed a monthly park projects overview and stated there were a few updates from the last month included.

b. Park Operations

Parks Superintendent Hamilton stated that the monthly operations report was included in the agenda packet.

c. Recreation

Recreation Superintendent Browne provided an overview of upcoming programs and events for the next month. He stated from the month of September compared with September of last year shows the department netted a nearly \$4,000 increase in revenue, and that currently the Recreation & Tennis Center has 1505 memberships.

Director Mangum added that the tennis program has expanded compared with last year, and has grown to 54 junior tennis players from 9 last year. Our current tennis administrator, Cristina, and King Daddy Sports have been growing the program and the combination is contributing to the great numbers.

Director Mangum added that Oktoberfest was not funded in the upcoming budget, and if we are going to continue the event, staff will need it to be funded through sponsorships.

d. Mayor's Youth Commission

Administrative Assistant Yurcak reported that there were nearly 70 applicants for this year's program.

9. DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Director Mangum introduced Recreation Specialist Daniele Stewart, who will be doing youth, family and community outreach. Stewart stated she moved from Nashville and worked in county parks for several years and is looking forward to building programs in the second floor of the Community Center.

Director Mangum introduced Trey Samuel, Recreation Specialist for senior programs. She stated she came from Alief YMCA, and is looking forward to bringing forth more programs.

Director Mangum introduced Adam Lofters, Recreation Specialist in charge of fitness and athletics. Recreation Specialist Lofters stated he studied at UH Sports & Athletics for 2 years, and went on to be a personal trainer before deciding to go back to school for his Master's. He is looking to stay in the public sector and provide an impact.

Director Mangum stated the department received the concept designs for the playground at Roane Park, which will be funded through KaBOOM!, which he updated the Board about last month.

He stated that Community Park playground, which was funded mostly through Niagara Bottling, and was recently expanded, will have a celebration on October 13th. There will be a service project in the park beforehand and invited any Parks Board

members who would like to attend either the service project or the playground dedication afterwards.

He stated he recently presented at the NRPA, and was asked to be on the committee for scholarships and awards.

Director Mangum announced there would be a public art roundtable being held on October 16th at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. This is an opportunity for the community to decide what kind of public art is wanted in the community.

10. BOARD REPORTS

Board member Matteucci stated he is working on completing the naming application for naming the municipal volunteer program after Ebony Ghee. Hopefully the Board will be able to send that draft out soon.

11. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Update on the naming application; continued discussion on sponsorships; presentation on the skatepark.

12. ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Chairman Turner adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.