MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

OF THE CITY OF SUNSET HILLS, MISSOURI

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2009

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Sunset Hills, Missouri met in regular session at the Activity Center, 12450 W. Watson Road, in said City on Wednesday, March 25, 2009. The meeting began at 7:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:	Barb Scott	-Chairman
	Georgia Dowling	-Member
	Pat Fribis	-Member
	Jan Hoffmann	-Member
	Mike McGilligan	-Member
	Doug McGuire	-Member
	John Tipton	-Member
	Gerald Brown	-Director of Parks and Recreation
Absent:	Blake Harris	-Member
	Bruce Vawter	-Member

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Copies of the Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission of the February 25, 2009 meeting were distributed to the members for their review. Alderman Fribis made a motion to accept the Minutes as submitted. Mrs. Dowling seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

The members addressed *Eagle Scout Presentation (check dams from City Hall to Lake)* as their next order of business.

REQUESTS TO BE HEARD

- FOX BRIDGE SUBDIVISION

Mr. Glenn Streibig, resident of Fox Bridge Subdivision, was present and distributed a letter to the members for their review. He explained that the residents have formed an Erosion-Siltation Committee to address the erosion siltation concerns. He stated that the subdivision continues to have siltation flow into their retention pond and has had high volume storm water runoff that has exceeded the capacity of the pond which was very close to entering a nearby home. He then stated the residents would like to request the City to help solve the problem.

He advised that a representative of Fox Bridge attend last night's Board of Aldermen meeting and requested a hydrological study of the entire campus as part of the planning for the new construction. The residents feel the new construction is an opportunity to correct problems in existence. The residents are not opposed to new construction; they have concerns that of it not being done correctly that could jeopardize the safety and health of their pond.

Mr. Streibig stated that the residents request that the disc golf course be relocated to Minnie Ha Ha Park.

Mr. Gary Mathes, resident of Fox Bridge, was also present.

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Mrs. Scott stated that the Parks and Recreation Commission can only do small things as the Board of Aldermen would have to approve significant projects. She added that the Parks Department has relocated holes on the disc golf course, have reduced the use of mulch as well other projects to assist the residents. She further stated that Mr. Brown can look into relocating a hole or two in the disc golf course. However, the problem with relocating the entire golf course to Minnie Ha Ha Park is that there are families that come to Watson Trail Park to swim, play tennis and disc golf. There are safety factors in place at Watson Trail Park that are not available at Minnie Ha Ha Park.

Mr. Mathes stated the residents request the City do what it takes to control the problem. They would like to slow down the silt as much as possible as the residents bear 100% of the load to take care of it when it reaches their pond. Therefore, they would like to manage the silt to the minimum amount. They understand that the silt will never be zero and understand that they own the property and will maintain the property. They merely desire to remove the worst offenders in terms of siltation and it just happens that disc golf is one of the major problems. The residents do not feel the subdivision should be burdened by the fact that the general public receives the benefit. Another concern is the volume of water runoff. He then stated he feels that while other construction activities are taking place, to expand the work to be more cost effective for the solution. Mr. Mathes also stated a hydrological study would identify areas in which to slow the water taking into account their ability to handle the water. He stated his opinion that the City and the Park property are the source of the vast majority of the water and they are the only solution.

Mr. Brown stated that a hydrological study is an issue that needs to be addressed by the Board of Aldermen and he is willing to look at the disc golf to see if there are any additional changes that can be made. He added that the Park Department has done almost everything that can be done including placing rip rap rock to slow the water down from Public Works and the Police Station as well as placed rip rap in many other areas, cleaned the retention are twice in the past three years and now have a maintenance plan, the staff also takes the boat on the lake to measure the silt on an annual basis in addition to other items.

After further discussion, the members thanked the residents of Fox Bridge Estates for attending the meeting. The residents left the meeting.

Mr. Brown stated he is wiling to look at the disc golf course to see if there is anything additional that could be done.

The members addressed *Discussion of Tennis Courts (Repair and/or replacement)* as their next order of business.

OLD BUSINESS

A. EAGLE SCOUT PRESENTATION (CHECK DAMS FROM CITY HALL TO LAKE)

Mr. Robert Sissler was present and stated that the project would involve placing rip rap rock to help silt from going into the lake; the project would be between S. Lindbergh Blvd. and the lake.

Alderman Fribis made a motion to approve the Eagle Scout project of check dams. Alderman Hoffmann seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

The members addressed *Requests to be Heard* as their next order of business.

B. DISCUSSION OF TENNIS COURTS (REPAIR AND/OR REPLACEMENT)

Mr. Brown stated the tennis courts have been repaired multiple times. Another repair of the courts will last perhaps a couple of years; however, eventually a replacement will be necessary. He then asked the members if it was desired to explore lighting the courts. He added there are a few types of surfacing that he is looking into for the courts.

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After discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Brown will look into options, complete tear out and replacement and Nova Pro natural, and get back with the members.

C. DISCUSSION TO REPLACE BENCHES AROUND LAKE

After discussion, the members agreed to postpone discussing this matter until a later date. Mrs. Scott requested the members walk by the lake and look at the benches.

D. DISCUSSION TO RENAME SHELTERS AT MINNIE HA HA

Mr. Brown stated that there is a significant amount of Indian history in and near Minnie Ha Ha Park. A

The members determined to name the three shelters, Chickasaw, Pawnee, Kickapoo.

REPORTS

A. BOARD OF ALDERMEN – Alderman Hoffmann reported the Board met two times this month; Hastings and Chivetta gave a presentation at each meeting regarding a new pool and community center. Mr. Brown stated Mr. Ballsrud and Mr. Lahay will return to the Board of Aldermen at their meeting and it is anticipated there will be a better idea of the amount of funding that will be available.

B. POOL ADVISORY – Alderman Hoffmann reported a meeting has not been held.

C. GEMPP COMMITTEE

- UPDATE ON TIMBER STANDARD IMPROVEMENT, HONEYSUCKLE REMOVAL PROJECT AND REPLACEMENT OF NATIVE SPECIES

Mr. Brown reported that the Timber Standard Improvement (TSI) program has been almost completed. It is hopeful that native tree plantings will begin late April.

D. MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE UPDATE – Alderman Hoffmann reported a meeting was held at the beginning of this month for general discussion purposes.

E. PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

- UPDATE ON PROPOSED COMMUNITY CENTER AND POOL BEING DESIGNED BY HASTINGS & CHIVETTA

This item was previously discussed.

- MAY 20TH (PARK & POOL COMBINED MEETING)

Mr. Brown asked the members if they could meet at 6:30 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m. It was agreed to start the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

A. UPGRADE LIGHTING TO PARKING LOTS IN WATSON TRAIL PARK – APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING

Mr. Brown reminded the members that Alderman Hardy requested that he look into light spillover from the athletic fields into Tapawingo on the Green Subdivision. He stated he did meet with Born Electric and Musco lighting. Musco lighting believes there is no light spillover into Tapawingo on the Green and agrees there may be a light glow but there is no light spillover. The light glow has been in existence before the City purchased the fields. Born Electric has given an estimate to redirect the lighting of around

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$22,587. Mr. Brown stated he will get back with Alderman Hardy regarding his findings as well as the estimated cost to redirect the lighting.

Mr. Tipton made a motion that this item is not a high priority for the Park Department to proceed. Alderman McGuire seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

B. UPGRADE LIGHTING PLAN FOR ENTIRE CITY – (GOING GREEN) – APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING

Mr. Brown stated that a couple years ago the City looked at going green. He explained that he would like to apply for a grant for going green. He added that the 2009 Budget includes beginning to upgrade the lighting in the parking lot of Watson Trail Park. He commented that he would like to include the parking lot lighting upgrade in the grant application. Mr. Brown stated that the funding included in the 2009 Budget could be used as part of the grant submittal.

Alderman McGuire made a motion to include funding in the 2009 Budget as part of the grant submittal. Alderman Fribis seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

ANY OTHER MATTERS DEEMED APPROPRIATE

Mr. Brown advised that a $4,000 park planning grant was received for the pool and the community center.

Mr. Brown stated that the TRIM grant awarded last year should soon be completed.

Mr. Brown stated damages incurred by the work on Old Gravois Bridge will be repaired.

Mr. Brown stated that the Park Department will have tree seedlings available for Arbor Day on Friday, April 3.

Mr. Brown reminded the members that Beautification Grants will be awarded at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Hoffmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Alderman Fribis seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Recording Secretary,

Laurie Sanneman

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