**MARION PARK AND RECREATION FOUNDATION MINUTES**

December 4, 2018, 7:30 A.M.

Thomas Park Administration and Operations Facility

ROLL CALL: Assistant Chair Katie Lowe Lancaster, Vic Klopfenstein, Glenn Jensen,   
Terry Cooper, Dustin Brooks

ABSENT: Arvind Dandekar, James Mollenhauer, Tim Higginbotham

STAFF: Mike Carolan, Darcie Coberly

GUESTS: None

Minutes

Moved by Klopfenstein and seconded by Cooper to approve the November 6, 2018, Park and Recreation Foundation minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Financial Report

Jensen presented the financial report. There was no activity in the business account with an ending balance of $877.65. The money market account had income of $10,202.16 (GoFundMe donations $702.16, and campaign contributions $9,500), and no expenses; leaving a balance of $50,915.64, with $1,000 earmarked for the Marion YMCA Capital Campaign and $40,760.34 for the Playground Capital Campaign. The GoFundMe bank account has a balance of $500; Jensen stated there were deposits from the GoFundMe payment portal of $702.16, which he transferred to the money market account to leave the minimum required balance in this account. Moved by Klopfenstein and seconded by Cooper to approve the financial report. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Input

None.

Member Recruitment Discussion

Klopfenstein presented Patty Wise as a member candidate. Wise currently is the vice chair of the Park Board, has been the chair of the Swamp Fox Festival for the past several years, and a member of several City project committees. Moved by Klopfenstein and seconded by Jensen to appoint Patty Wise to the Foundation Board of Directors. All in favor, motion carried.

This appointment brings the board up to nine members.

Lowe Park South End Development

Carolan presented an update of the Lowe Park South End Development project. Work on the restroom will continue over the winter; however, everything else will be put on hold until the spring. There have been a few change orders to the project along the way, but they were deductions to the project cost. The completion date is the end of June 2019.

Cooper provided an update of the Capital Campaign playground fundraising. Donations and pledges received to date total $44,979.96. Jensen noted the $1,000 contribution from the Friends of the Marion Parks is not included in total. The committee and volunteers have been calling local businesses and will focus on individual contributions after the new year. In January, the committee will evaluate results and determine strategies to meet the fundraising goal.

Lowe Lancaster met with Farmers State Bank recently about a contribution. The bank will be considering the request and decide at their next meeting. Lowe Lancaster said they asked about the cost of the playground surfacing; Carolan will provide her with the cost.

Klopfenstein and Lowe Lancaster will attend and present the campaign at the next Chamber of Commerce meeting and the January MEDCO meeting.

Brooks noted the Mayor’s Challenge was pushed out on Facebook, the Marion Times, and the Chamber’s e-newsletter.

Brooks suggested the Foundation create an updated, more vibrant logo and a marketing plan for future fundraising campaigns. The City recently underwent branding and a implemented a new logo to give it a trendy appeal. He feels the Foundation’s logo should follow suit.

Receive and File

None.

Other Items

Lowe Lancaster said she read an article about the Butterfield Park Skate Park. Carolan relayed construction is complete, and the grading and lighting will be finished in the spring.

Adjournment

Moved by Klopfenstein and seconded by Brooks to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2019, at 7:30 a.m. at the Thomas Park Administration and Operations building.

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Vic Klopfenstein, Secretary