

MARION PARK BOARD MINUTES

August 12, 2015, 4:00 P.M.

Thomas Park Administration and Operations Facility

ROLL CALL: Chair Patty Wise, Charles Kress, John McIntosh, Kyle Martin, Terry Speral

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Mike Carolan, Darcie Coberly

GUESTS: None

Minutes

Moved by Speral and seconded by Kress to approve the July 8, 2015, regular Park Board minutes. No discussion. All in favor, motion carried.

Reports

Moved by Wise and seconded by Kress to approve the June Financial Report. The department ended the fiscal year at 90 percent of budgeted expenditures. Nine of the 15 reported revenue line items exceeded the estimated revenues, ending the fiscal year for the department 1.6 percent above the prior year. All in favor, motion carried.

Moved by McIntosh and seconded by Speral to approve the July Financial Report. No discussion. All in favor, motion carried.

The July Purchase Order Report was reviewed and accepted. A down payment of \$2,100 was made to LOOK Architectural Coatings for the Amphitheater glass panel that was vandalized earlier this summer. A budgeted hedge trimmer was purchased from P&K Midwest to replace a 15 year old one. McIntosh asked about the payment to Hanna Plumbing in the amount of \$1,815.48. This was for repairs to the air conditioning unit at the Thomas Park facility. Carolan noted Hanna Plumbing resolved the air mixing issue at the Thomas Park facility that was causing the high humidity levels.

Public Input

None.

Receive and File

Emails from Farmer's Market vendors Ken Heart and Phyllis Kline were received and filed. They both shared positive feedback about the 2015 market.

The monthly staff report was received and filed. The IDNR permit has not been approved yet for the Donnelly Park bridge project.

The REAP Grant application was reviewed by the County and has been forwarded to the State for consideration. This will provide funding for development at Waldo's Rock Park. Carolan presented a concept design for the park that includes a loop trail around the water, a connector to the Grant Wood Trail, stabilizing the boulder, prairie grass, pavilion, asphalt driveway from Partners Drive, and a 20 stall parking lot.

The Tobacco and Nicotine Free Parks ordinance went into effect August 1st. Signage has been received and will be placed throughout the parks soon.

The Hanna Park Fitness Trail project is completed and open for the public to use.

Repairs are being made to the sidewalk at the Lowe Park Arts and Environmental building entrance. The Friends of Marion Parks and Master Gardeners have been busy in the flower beds and gardens around the Lowe building.

The City has awarded 2015-16 Hotel/Motel funding for two Parks and Recreation events; a musical event was awarded \$14,101 in funding, and two movie nights at the Amphitheater were awarded \$2,000 in funding.

Staff are anticipating a large crowd at movie night on August 14 with more than 650 Facebook accounts indicating they will be attending. The movie "Up" will be shown.

Recreation programs continue to thrive. Happy Feet Soccer and Lil Pigskin Football finished at the end of July and Peewee Flag Football will begin next week. The Youth Archery Clinic partner program with Wickiup Hill had 15 participants.

A new Marion Blue Zones Project partner program will launch in September at the Amphitheater. Each Tuesday night free fitness classes will be held which include Zumba, Cardio Kickboxing, Dance Club Cardio, Bootcamp/HIIT, and Pilates.

The pool season is dwindling down. Swimming lessons are over and the hours will begin to be reduced beginning August 24 due to college and high school employees heading back to school.

The Parks Master Plan work continues. Confluence will be meeting with staff on August 19 and with the steering committee on August 26. There will be another public input meeting on September 30.

Linn-Mar is hosting a welcome reception on August 18 for Superintendent Dr. Quintin Shepherd; Board members are encouraged to attend. Earlier in the day staff will be meeting with Linn Mar Administration to discuss facility usage and fees; the Department has received an invoice in the amount of \$1,500 from the school.

Board Discussion Time

McIntosh complimented that department on the Uptown brick work done to smooth out the walking surface. He said it looks good and it turned out really nice.

Kress commented that the Art in the Alley looks to be a great project.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 9, 2015, at 4 p.m. at the Thomas Park Administration and Operations Building.

Kyle Martin, Secretary