

Minutes

Kimball Parks and Recreation Board Meeting June 14th, 2007

Members Present: Marc Lawrence
Jack Keef
Chester Blevins
Teresa Smith
Terry Case

Members Absent: Eric Turney
Mark O'Leary

Others Present: David Jackson
Tonya May
Rance Castle

Marc Lawrence called the meeting to order at 5:03pm and called roll. Chester Blevins made a motion to accept minutes from prior meeting. All were in favor.

Item #4 on the agenda was discussion of the soccer fields. Lawrence brought up topic on whether grass would be growing enough to start games by the fall soccer season. Grass has been planted and sewn, twice, and lime has been added, but with the lack of rain, Blevins suggests that the field couldn't possibly be ready. Keef stated that John Wilson, county extension agent, had come by and felt that the September window for planting may be our best bet for sewing grass to be ready for spring soccer.

Lawrence suggested that a good move for our board at this point would be to talk with Scott Morgan to discuss what our fields could do for the current county soccer program. Smith wanted to know the board's goal for soccer, and Lawrence felt like we could come up with our direction once we have met with Morgan. Before the next meeting, Lawrence plans to meet with him and bring back to the board the needs of the current soccer program.

Item # 5 was the discussion of the board's opinion on applying for grant money to work on the additional phases of the park. Jack Keef and Tonya both went a meeting in Manchester for the parks and recreation grant applications. Although the group was initially concerned about the land deed, Keef stated that the deed requirements had been changed. The only requirements of the state funded parks is to provide a sign recognizing the state's partial contribution to the area, and that the sell of the property

could only happen if the city provided an area with the same facilities elsewhere within the city.

Tonya also found out that the property could be used as a match. She suggested completing the pre application for the grant because it would be worth 20 points on the final application, and the state would give back to the city whether or not it would be a project they would consider. Jackson asked whether or not the dirt work that had been put into the project thus far could also be considered a match. Tonya would have to find out that answer. The pre application must be submitted by August 17th. Keef made a motion for going to the Kimball Board and Alderman with permission to begin the pre application process for the grant. Blevins seconded the motion and all were in favor. Tonya made copies of the pre-application for all the members to look over before the July meeting.

Item #6 was any additional presented business. Case asked Jackson if anything had been done on the railroad crossing. Jackson said that nothing had been done yet. Keef suggested maybe having to do something if and when grant money became available.

Smith stated that Randy Gilliam was working on a price for the concession for a rough idea of dollars needed for that part of the project. Gilliam is supposed to get back with an estimate by the July meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55.

Jahn M. Keef
Chairman

July 12 2007
Date