

**HARRISONVILLE PARK BOARD MINUTES  
HARRISONVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER**

**March 14, 2017**

**6:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The regularly scheduled meeting of the Harrisonville Park Board was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chairman Brent Caruthers.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Brent Caruthers, Cathy Faris, Julie Weedman, Don Allen, Dr. Martin Parks, & Clint Miller

**ABSENT:** David Atkinson, Ed Roberts, & Phil Rogers

**OTHERS PRESENT:** City Administrator Happy Welch, Mayor Brian Hasek (arrived at 6:03) Parks & Recreation Director Chris Deal, Assistant Director Rachel Uptergrove, Recreation Coordinator of Member Services Amy Fuller, & City Liaison Matt Turner

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Matt Turner member of the Harrisonville Elks Lodge spoke in regards to the Annual Fishing Derby that their organization hosts out at the City Park. Mr. Turner explained that this is a free event, and the first 400 kids will receive a free tackle box along with a fishing rod. Mr. Turner stated that their organization utilizes the Amphitheater along with a shelter house in order to host this great event. Mr. Turner asked if perhaps the rental fees could be waived for this particular event. Mr. Turner also explained that the Elks Lodge would like to place the Harrisonville Parks & Rec. Logo on their banner as a sponsor, Mr. Turner asked the Park Board members and Parks & Rec. Director, Chris Deal if that would be acceptable. Director Deal stated that yes indeed that would be fine to add the parks & rec. logo onto their banner as a sponsor of the fishing derby event. Mr. Deal stated that the restrooms will be cleaned and pumped out in preparation of this event.

Dr. Parks made a motion to waive the rental fees of the Amphitheater and shelter house for this annual event. This motion was seconded by Mr. Miller, and approved unanimously by a voice vote of those present, 6-0.

**CEREMONIAL MATTERS: NONE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Chairman Brent Caruthers asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 14, 2017 regular session. Ms. Faris. moved to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2017 Park Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller and approved unanimously by a voice vote of those present, 6-0.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Director Deal first welcomed new City Administrator Happy Welch to the meeting tonight. Director Deal read over a few highlights from his written report.

Director Deal stated that the new Trap & Skeet lease agreement was approved by the Mayor and Board of Alderman. Mr. Deal stated that the new owner should be opening in the upcoming weeks.

Director Deal stated that Chairman Caruthers along with himself will be sharing a couple of updates regarding the sales tax reports.

Director Deal shared information regarding how the parks staff have been staying busy with maintenance, cleanup and other projects in preparation for the upcoming spring season. Mr. Deal stated that parks staff completed the installation of a new retaining wall out on ball field #5.

Director Deal reported that registrations for Recreation Youth T-ball, Baseball & Softball programs have been going very well for this season. Mr. Deal stated we have added a competitive team league this year, and at this time we have a total of 6 teams registered so far. Mr. Deal stated

Director Deal stated that this year's annual Princess Ball did very well again, with having 175 registrants. Mr. Deal also stated that registration is going very well with this year's Spring Craft Show that will be held on Sat., April 8<sup>th</sup> from 10am-4pm.

Director Deal stated that in preparation of this summer season, staff have been and will be continuing to do repair work, cleaning and hiring of staff before the opening of the outdoor pool.

**PARK SALES TAX:**

Director Deal read from the memo. Mr. Deal stated that on Tue., March 28<sup>th</sup> there will be two more presentations held at the Harrisonville Community Center regarding the Parks Sales Tax. Mr. Deal stated that for this evening Chairman Caruthers along with himself will be making a presentation to the local Harrisonville Chaldeans group.

Chairman Caruthers stated that an official committee has been formed, the name chosen has been 'Better Parks in Harrisonville'. Mr. Caruthers stated that David Atkinson is Committee Chairman of the 'Better Parks in Harrisonville' program, and that that Mr. Caruthers has been appointed treasurer. Mr. Caruthers explained that money has been raised for publications as in yard signs, however, at this time all that money has been spent for these signs. Mr. Caruthers stated that there are still yards signs to be placed throughout the city. Mr. Caruthers stated that Thursday there will be one more meeting held at 6pm at the Oak Park Building.

Director Deal stated that information will be placed on our Community Center Facebook page, along with information placed in the monthly newsletter.

**MONTH & YTD FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Director Deal stated that there is not a lot of impact or variation to report on for this time of year. Mr. Deal reviewed information and some highlights from the written report.

Director Deal asked if there were any questions from the Park Board.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Ms. Faris asked about possibly revisiting the concern that Don had from last month's meeting regarding the trees in City Park. Ms. Faris discussed about maybe having public participation in with donating trees for replacement.

Mr. Allen asked Director Deal about what had been going on with the surveying on Jefferson Parkway. Mr. Deal explained that MoDOT has approved for us to move forward with the sidewalk plan, designs and plans.

**ADJOURN:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting of the Park Board was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Weedman and approved unanimously by a voice vote of those present, 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:31pm. The next meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2017 at 6:00pm.

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Brent Caruthers, Park Board Chairman

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Amy Fuller, Park Board Secretary

**APPROVED**, by the Park Board on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.