

**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
PARK OVERSIGHT BOARD
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The Parks and Recreation Board met in regular session on September 6, 2023 at 7:03 p.m. at VMP Depot.

ROLL CALL:

The following members were present at the Call to Order: Tom Geglein, William Heistand, Bobbie Williams, Jim Williams, Blake Ahlgrim, Terry Johnson (Oversight & MMI) and Lou Potter (Oversight & MMI).

ALSO PRESENT:

Ben Amburgey and Tiffani Tobias with the Service Department.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Shelly Powers, Gregg Bostwick and Shelby Anspach (Oversight) were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the August 2, 2023 minutes.

Mr. Williams moved to accept the minutes as submitted.

VOICE VOTE. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

VISITORS COMMENTS:

None.

BUSINESS:

The Board and Staff reviewed and briefly discussed several items including.

- Improvements to the July 4 Parade with more participants, no parking signs, fireworks and signs for lineup lines
- Placing Defibrillation devices in all the city parks. The details for funding and the vendor will be discussed at a later date

Mr. Williams moved to suggest to the City that 3 defibrillators be purchased and placed in the parks. VMP, Kercher and Weber.

VOICE VOTE. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

- Christmas in the Park 2023 was discussed. Board members will reach out to Santa and Mrs. Clause and to Hallie Sewell regarding the Horse Parade.
- Discussion to place regarding the proposed tennis courts project regarding funding, signage and rendering of the project.

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- Additional Pickleball Courts could be considered and Pat Higgins the city grant writer is looking for grants
- Discussion took place regarding the water fountains at KP and the repair or replacement of them
- The ownership of the Tabacco Barn was discussed
- Kercher Park basketball poles are in need of repair and will need to be removed for awhile
- Park Grants need to be considered for Hillcrest Park and waste/recycling receptacles for VMP
- Additional parking spaces at Kercher Park were discussed. There is a great need for more since more fields have been added
- Leased farmland at Webber. Staff will look into current lease prices and put it out to bid.
- Ownership of the bicentennial clock was discussed. Board was wondering who had the donor plaque.

MEMBERS COMMENTS:

Mr. Geglein suggested that a walkway in VMP be dedicated to Darrell Rhodes for his many years of service to the Park Board.

Mr. Heistand moved to suggest to the City that a walkway in VMP be dedicated to Darrell Rhodes for his many years of service to the Park Board.

VOICE VOTE. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Geglein

Mr. Potter updated the board on MMI projects. They are working on the building markers, cleaning up the grounds and a map to show the proposed improvements.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Heistand moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelli Novak
Clerk of Council