

Park Board Minutes  
December 15, 2009

Members Present: Candy Sullinger, Joe McDowell, Kenny Garrison, Julie Wolfe, Gabe Miller and Kent Vanderpool

Staff Present: Cindy Shook, Preston Peper, Marsha Fulton

Kenny Garrison made a motion to approve the Park Board minutes from November 17, 2009. Kent Vanderpool seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Business:

1. Candy Sullinger called the meeting to order. The first item on the agenda was capital improvements. Candy handed the floor over to Cindy Shook to discuss the five year capital improvement projects that were requested by the departments. Cindy explained that the items on the report were coded A through D, with A being items with the highest priority, B being second, and so on. Kenny Garrison remarked that the Roark Valley trail to Stonebridge was at an A status. Cindy noted that David Miller, City Engineer, had gotten with all departments to prioritize the list, which was then reviewed and adopted by City Council. Cindy noted that while City Council adopted the list, they did not commit a certain budget amount toward the projects as they want to see how revenues come in first. Cindy added with sales tax being down 12% for December, everyone continues to tighten the budget. Cindy stated that the RecPlex land expansion had been rated a D on the list and said that while it appears that all the city council members are in favor of purchasing the land, there are other needs that take priority. Another item on the list is a new feature at the pool, for example a drop slide, in order to continue to attract to new people to the AquaPlex. Cindy noted that new mowers for the Public Works and Parks department were ranked as an A and that she was working with Public Works to figure out the needs. Cindy continued with explaining that items can continue to be added in the future as capital improvement requests will be reviewed on a yearly basis. Kent Vanderpool agreed that it should be an ongoing process. Julie Wolfe questioned about adding an indoor pool to the list and Kenny Garrison suggested batting cages. Candy Sullinger suggested racquet ball courts.

2. Next on the agenda was the parks & recreation update. Cindy Shook shared with the board some highlights of recent events:

- We hope to be able to get the Missouri Winter Games to Branson in 2011.
- We were disappointed that our grant for the recycled mulch was denied.
- Preston had recently held the first successful adult volleyball tournament at the RecPlex.
- Work on the new Taneycomo bridge will begin soon and the construction will once again impact the campground.
- Breakfast with Santa was very successful. Newborn twins that came last year returned this year and that was fun to see.

3. Final item on the agenda was the members report; the board chose to table this item till the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 6:05 pm