

Columbia City Park Board Minutes January 26, 2015

The Columbia City Park Board met in regular session with the following members present:

Park Board President Keith Nickolson
Park Board Vice President Larry Walter
Park Board Secretary Mauri Bordner
Park Board Member Terry Baker

Also in attendance:

Park Superintendent Mark Green
Mayor Ryan Daniel
Roger Ferrell
Lowell Griffin, Griffin Real Estate Services, Inc.

After reviewing the minutes of the October 27, 2014 meeting, Mauri Bordner made a motion to approve the minutes, which is seconded by Terry Baker, to accept the minutes as submitted. On the call of the vote, all voted aye.

Park Superintendent, Mark Green opened the meeting introducing Roger Ferrell as a possible Park Board Member.

Mark Green introduced Lowell Griffin from Griffin Real Estate Services who submitted an appraisal on the land acquisition for the possible Aquatic Park. Mr. Griffin discussed the appraisal and answered various questions presented by the Park Board Members, Mayor Daniel, and Mark Green.

Mark stated that Misner & Associates, Inc also submitted an appraisal for the land.

Terry Baker made a motion to allow Mark Green and Mayor Ryan Daniel to meet with the owners and offer up to \$ 212,760.00 for all the acreage with an agreement to purchase over a three year period, which Mauri Bordner seconded. On the call of the vote, all voted aye.

Park Board Secretary Mauri Bordner, nominated Keith Nickolson as 2015 Park Board President, which is seconded by Terry Baker. Mauri Bordner nominated Larry Walter as Vice President, which is seconded by Terry Baker. Terry Baker nominated Mauri Bordner as Secretary, which is seconded by Larry Walter. On the call of the vote, all voted aye.

Mark Green gave an update on the Park's upcoming programs. Green stated registration for the Baseball/Softball programs start on January 26th and the Opening Day will be April 25th. Mark stated the Father/Daughter Dance is February 6th at the 4-H Fairgrounds and is sold-out at 500 tickets.

Superintendent, Mark Green gave an update on “Every Kids Dreamland” replacing the existing structure at Baker Park. Mark stated the Dazzlers performed at the Columbia City High School basketball game and raised money for the new playground. Mark announced the \$175,000.00 needed to build the playground is all raised except for the last \$10,000.00 to \$17,000.00 for the project.

Mark explained that Fredericks Photography has a five year contract with the Park which expires this year. Green stated he ask for a new contract and also contacted a local photographer to present a contract. Mark stated the only contract received was from Fredericks Photography.

Mark updated the Board on the Morsches Park’s Five Year Plan. Green consulted Aimee Shimosaki, Martin Riley Engineering on the progress of the report from the DNR. Aimee stated that Morsches Park is 16th on the DNR’s list to be reviewed. Mark stated that once the report is completed, Aimee will set down with the Park Board and go over the review.

Green announced that a Beatles band has been hired to play at the 4th of July Celebration for \$1,800.00.

Superintendent Green gave a report on the new Ice Rink at Morsches Park. Mark announced a quarterly Newsletter will be e-mailed to the Park Department’s contacts, on the Park’s Facebook page, and the Park’s Website starting in January.

The next meeting will be February 23, 2015.

All business was discussed, the Board adjourned.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Andrea Pequignot, Administrative Assistant Parks Department.