

Columbia City Park Board Minutes

April 25, 2016

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

Park Board Vice President Larry Walter

Park Board Secretary Roger Ferrell

Park Board Member Kim Varga

Park Board Member Mark Ellis

Also in attendance:

Park Superintendent Mark Green

Absent:

Park Board President Keith Nickolson

After reviewing the minutes of the March 21, 2016 meeting, Roger Ferrell made a motion to approve the minutes, which is seconded by Mark Ellis, to accept the minutes with additional information concerning the Skate Park. On the call of the vote, all voted aye.

Mark Green stated opening day for Baseball/Softball was Saturday, April 23. The Parade kicked-off the season with games starting at noon. Green informed the Park Board, the new parking lot was helpful with the extra traffic during large events.

Superintendent Green announced Morsches Park received an award from BPA Baseball Association for the 2015 Outstanding Park Award.

Mark gave an update on the progress of Aquatics Facility fundraising. Tad Varga and Mark Green met with several local businesses pertaining to possible sponsorships.

Green presented a contract for \$15,000.00 from Deb Schmucker a Landscape Developer specializing in park facilities. The contract is for planning and cost estimates for future improvements on land acquired around the Aquatics Facility. After discussion of the contract, Roger Ferrell made a motion to accept the contract, which is seconded by Mark Ellis. On the call of the vote, all voted aye.

Mark shared drawing plans for a new Concession Stand and bathrooms. Green is awaiting a cost analysis for the construction and will present the final results to City Council. Green stated the Park Department does not have funds available at this time.

Superintendent Green announced the DNR released 300 trout and conducted a Fishing Derby at the pond.

Green presented a photo of a possible new sign for the entrance to Morsches Park. Green announced only half of the funding has been raised at this time.

Mark announced a new Brightsign TV has been installed at the Concession stand to announce upcoming events.

Superintendent Green opened the floor for discussion on the Skate Park location. After much discussion with many possibilities on different locations, Roger Ferrell made a motion to proceed looking into moving the Skate Park to top of the hill, with the potential of moving it later to the school property. Motion was second by Kim Varga. On the call of the vote, all voted aye.

The next meeting will be May 23, 2016.

All business was discussed, the Board adjourned.

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