

Columbia City Park Board Minutes July 25, 2016

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 Member Kim Varga
Park Board Member Mark Ellis

Members absent:

Park Board Secretary Roger Ferrell

Also in attendance:

Park Superintendent Mark Green
Jack Daniel, Martin Riley Engineering

After reviewing the minutes of the April 25, 2016 meeting, Larry Walter made a motion to approve the minutes, which is seconded by Mark Ellis, to accept the minutes as submitted. On the call of the vote, all voted aye.

Park Superintendent Mark Green, introduced Jack Daniel from Martin Riley Engineering. Jack opened discussion in reference to the performance study previously completed in 2013 for the Aquatics facility. Jack touched base on the upfront and continual expenses included with a few changes that were to be revisited. Daniel reviewed an updated summary page in reference to revenue, expenses, and attendance numbers looking forward.

Daniel and members of the park board reviewed a Standard form of Agreement between the owner and the architect. The contract included demolition, and construction specs for the new aquatics facility. After discussion of the contract, Larry Walter made a motion to sign the contract in order to proceed with Martin Riley on the construction and demolition for the new aquatics facility. Kim Varga second the motion, and on the call of the vote, all voted aye.

Mark Green announced that he has been in discussion with Dekko Foundation about a grant submitted for the aquatics facility. Dekko has informed Green that they will announce an amount next week. Green stated that a fundraiser started today for the sale of an engraved brick to be placed at the new aquatics facility upon completion.

Mark stated that the improved parking lot was a wonderful addition. A sense of ease was created with larger aisle ways, and the updated handicap access. As well as the new fence for protection of the parking lot.

Park Superintendent Mark Green presented photos of a new digital sign for the front entrance to Morsches Park. Mark informed the board that \$20,000 had been raised for a new sign. Mark priced signs in the years past that reached an estimate of \$40,000. Mark stated that the Rotary club began fundraising for the additional funds needed.

Superintendent Green revisited the discussion on moving the skate park to the top of the hill in Morsches Park. After discussing the cost of making the tennis courts safe, and the possibility of having the new skate park in the future high school land, Larry Walter made a motion to remove the old motion, which was made previously about moving the skate park to the top of the hill on to the tennis courts. The motion was seconded by Mark Ellis. On the call of the vote, all voted aye.

The next meeting will be August 22, 2016.

All business was discussed, the Board adjourned.

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