

PARK/TREE BOARD MEETING

July 15, 2008

The Park and Tree Board, City of Kearney, Missouri, met in regular session at 6:30 P.M., July 15, 2008 at 100 East Washington with Kelly Peitzman presiding. Members present were Jeff Couchman, Julie Jones, Beverly Poynter and Connie Buchanan. Ed Haney was absent. Staff members present were Eric Marshall, Ryan Marcotte and Shirley Zimmerman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES A motion was made by Julie Jones and seconded by Connie Buchanan to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2008 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC REQUESTS & PETITIONS

TOM SLOAN-JESSE JAMES FESTIVAL Tom Sloan, President of the Jesse James Festival Committee, said they will have the band called Tail Spin on September 20th. He said they are on the approved list for the Amphitheater. He said Todd Gustfason, who has run the sound equipment for the Royals, would be in charge of the sound system.

Staff said that band is fine to perform at the Amphitheater. He said the Committee will need to come in and fill out forms for usage of the Amphitheater. He said Mr. Gustfason will need to come in to be trained on our sound system if he is going to operate it.

Demolition Derby Mr. Sloan said they would like approval to do the Demolition Derby again this year. He said when he was at a Missouri convention for fair events they were really pleased with the design of the Kearney track and are modeling all new tracks to be built like Kearney's.

Mr. Sloan said they would like to extend the track to the North thirty feet. This will allow more room for bleachers, etc. He said they will redo the tractor pull area and level it off since they won't be using it.

Connie Buchanan asked if extending this track will make it too close to the rodeo arena. Mr. Sloan said it would be one hundred feet from the rodeo arena and shouldn't interfere with it at all.

Kelly Peitzman asked if the tractor pulls were gone. Mr. Sloan said they were losing money each year on tractor pulls so they will no longer be hosting them.

A motion was made by Jeff Couchman and seconded by Connie Buchanan to approve the Demolition Derby for the Jesse James Festival and to enlarge the track thirty feet to the North and smooth and remove the tractor pull area. The motion carried unanimously.

Announcer Stand Construction Tom Sloan said they would like to build a wooden stand on the North side of the rodeo arena to be used for announcing. He said it would be twelve to **Announcer Stand Construction-Cont** fourteen feet long and eight to ten feet deep with a top on it. He said they would like to eventually enclose it so they could store equipment in it.

Eric Marshall said if they do a stand it will have to be built to City codes. He said if it isn't enclosed they must be sure the steps are safe and it has railing. Mr. Sloan said Jay Hedges will be in charge and he has done construction for years.

Jeff Couchman asked if the announcer stand would only be for the rodeo arena. Mr. Sloan said that is correct.

Mr. Sloan said the Festival Committee is finally making some money as a result of the Demolition Derby. He said they would like to do a shelter in the rodeo area and maybe one at the food court. He said they want to put any profits they make back into the park.

Kelly Peitzman asked if they had a date on the announcer stand. He said it definitely will need rails and meet City code. Mr. Sloan said it will be built to code and they hope to have it done for the Optimist Club Rodeo on August 8th.

Eric Marshall said as long as they bring in plans that are approved by City Staff they won't need to go to the Board of Aldermen for approval.

Connie Buchanan said if they are going to build shelters we need to make sure they match the Amphitheater and other shelters. She said we would like to see everything aesthetically pleasing. Staff said we will want them to match in color and materials to what are already there.

Jeff Couchman asked how tall this announcer stand would be. Mr. Sloan said it will be approximately eleven feet tall plus the pitch of the roof. Mr. Couchman said it will all need to meet City Codes.

A motion was made by Beverly Poynter and seconded by Jeff Couchman to approve an announcer stand to be constructed at the rodeo arena after the plans are submitted to the City for approval and the roof and materials match existing structures in the park. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

AMPHITHEATER Head East/Shooting Star Recap Staff presented a spreadsheet for the Head East/Shooting Star concert. Staff said this concert was a success. We had projected to lose approximately \$18,000 and we only lost approximately \$10,000.

Staff said having the radio advertising really helped bring in a larger crowd. Advance ticket sales were really good. Jeff Couchman asked what the chances would be of getting a radio station to partner with the City on an event next year. Staff said they will check into that.

Head East/Shooting Star Recap-Cont Kelly Peitzman said he thought it was a really nice crowd. He said the gate and parking seemed to be working good. He said his only complaint would be the long lines for beer and concessions. He said that was the only complaint he heard from fans. Ryan Marcotte said he has talked to Larry Pratt, Knights of Columbus and they are working on it.

Eric Marshall said he had received a complaint about the City allowing tail gating in the parking lot. They also thought we should move the parking to grass areas farther away from the Amphitheater so they won't go back to their cars.

Kelly Peitzman said he went back to his car a couple of times to get jackets, etc. and he didn't see very many people going to their cars during intermission. He said if the lines weren't so long people wouldn't go to their cars.

Concession Stand Construction Eric Marshall said all the concrete has been poured around the concession stand. He said the contractor is done with the stand and electricity has been turned on at the stand. He said they cut the power to the old stand and the Knights are to get it removed from the area before the next concert. There should be no reason for them not to be operating from the new stand for Liverpool.

Upcoming Amphitheater Events Ryan Marcotte said he will have Movie in the Park on July 25th. On July 26th we will have the Liverpool Concert. This will be advertised on the radio also and we should have a nice sized crowd.

WORLD SERIES UPDATE Eric Marshall said we will be hosting the NBC World Series starting July 25th. The Banquet will be July 25th at 5:00 P.M. at the Junior High. Games will start July 26th.

The games will end early enough on the 26th for them to attend the concert. Each player will be given a complimentary ticket and advance tickets for \$5 a piece will be offered to parents. He said he will ask each coach to get a count and pick up the advance tickets when they register on Friday.

LIONS PARK SHELTERS Eric Marshall said the Rotary Club has completed the two shelters in Lions Park. The City purchased the materials and the Rotary Club provided the labor. He said the park should now be ready for Kid Fest.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business on the agenda, a motion was made by Jeff Couchman and seconded by Beverly Poynter to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED: _____ **ATTEST:** _____
Kelly Peitzman, Chairperson **Jeff Couchman, Acting Secretary**