

PARK/TREE BOARD MEETING

November 18, 2008

The Park and Tree Board, City of Kearney, Missouri, met in regular session at 6:30 P.M., November 18, 2008 at 100 East Washington with Kelly Peitzman presiding. Members present were Jeff Couchman, Julie Jones, Beverly Poynter, Ed Haney, Mike Miller and Connie Buchanan. Staff members present were Eric Marshall, Ryan Marcotte and Shirley Zimmerman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Kelly Peitzman said Mike Miller's name needs to be added to the members present. A motion was made by Beverly Poynter and seconded by Julie Jones to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2008 meeting with the correction. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

AMPHITHEATER DEBRIEF MEETING Staff reported that there was an Amphitheater Debrief Meeting held on October 28th with the Board of Aldermen, Park Board, Knights and members of the Amphitheater Subcommittee.

Staff said the meeting went very well. The Knights of Columbus have agreed to have all four windows open at the Concession Stand and they will have more help. They will also consider prewrapping sandwiches, etc. and not offering so many special condiments, which slows down the lines.

Staff said they are starting to look at bands for next year. There is consideration of cutting one concert and have one concert with a larger name band.

NEW BUSINESS

AMPHITHEATER

Potential acts Ryan Marcotte said we have received word that the Oak Ridge Boys are looking for a place to perform on July 25th. They will be between concerts and traveling through this area. They want \$30,000 to perform.

Kelly Peitzman said that is a lot to pay for a band at this time. He said we would definitely have to raise ticket prices and there would be a concern about weather. Staff said we would purchase insurance to cover in case of rain.

Connie Buchanan said she didn't think we were ready for such a large group yet. She said she thought we should stay with cheaper bands for this next year and establish a larger fan base first.

Jeff Couchman said if we are going to look at spending more for bands we definitely need to get insurance to cover for rain.

Ryan Marcotte said we can get bands like Shenandoah for \$7,500.

Potential Acts-Cont Jeff Couchman asked when the Missouri Fair and Festivals meetings were. Eric Marshall said they would be going to that in January. They will also attend one day at the Kansas Fair and Festivals.

Connie Buchanan said she would like to see us bring in new acts this year. She said she thought it would help draw bigger crowds by getting new names.

Ryan Marcotte said they have also thought about bringing in tribute bands and maybe having a longer night and combine two or three tribute bands. Connie Buchanan said she didn't think people would like having longer nights and they would draw better crowds by themselves.

A motion was made by Jeff Couchman and seconded by Connie Buchanan saying that the Park Board thought we shouldn't spend \$30,000 for the Oak Ridge Boys for this year but would be interested if the price was reduced. The motion carried unanimously.

Staff said we will be having a Blues Fest on May 30th. We will be bringing back Levy Town and Trample Under Foot bands.

Christmas Tree Walk Staff said we will be having the Christmas Tree Walk on November 22nd from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. We have people signed up to decorate 109 trees. The Knights will be serving hotdogs, cookies, hot chocolate and coffee. This will be free. Santa Claus will be there. The School Music Departments will also be performing.

Open Gym Basketball Staff said we have started the Wednesday night open gym for basketball at the Middle School from 7:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. We have had good attendance so far.

Aquatic meeting with School Board Staff said Mayor Dane, Jim Eldridge, Eric Marshall and Ryan Marcotte will be meeting with the School Board on Thursday evening to discuss the School involvement in regard to an Aquatic Center.

Ed Haney presented a list of talking points which will be on the School Board Agenda.

Staff said it is very tough for just one entity to operate an Aquatic Center. Parkville and Lawrence, Kansas both operate one in conjunction with their School District.

Soccer Tournament Staff said they have been working with the Futura Soccer Club to do a soccer tournament in Kearney. This will be held Labor Day week-end. The City will have final say on playing on the fields in the event of rain.

Staff said the Board of Aldermen recognized Bill Ely and Michele Downey for their eleven years of working with the Kearney Holt Soccer Club. They will be greatly missed by the City. They will still help some for now but won't be the leaders any longer.

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

APPROVED: _____ **ATTEST:** _____
Kelly Peitzman, Chairperson **Ed Haney, Secretary**