

PARK/TREE BOARD MEETING

May 19, 2009

The Park and Tree Board, City of Kearney, Missouri, met in regular session at 6:30 P.M., May 21, 2009 at 100 East Washington with President Kelly Peitzman presiding. Members present were Jeff Couchman, Julie Jones, Mike Miller, Ed Haney and Connie Buchanan. Beverly Poynter 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 Mike Miller to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2009 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC REQUESTS & PETITIONS

JESSE JAMES FESTIVAL COMMITTEE-AMPHITHEATER REQUEST Terry Carter, Jesse James Festival Committee, said the Committee would like permission to use the Amphitheater for the two weeks of the Festival.

Mr. Carter said the main week-end they would use it for the entertainment such as Studio 320 Dance Team, etc. He said they are considering having a band play on Sunday afternoon.

Kelly Peitzman said anyone can use the front of the Amphitheater. He said if you need access to the inside you must have someone trained to use the sound system, etc.

Staff said Todd Gustfason used the sound board last year with no problems. Staff said if they bring in a bigger band on Sunday they might need a sound technician. Staff said they are comfortable with them using the Amphitheater.

Larry Pratt said the Fire Department is considering using the lawn area and stage on September 12th for their dance. He said they have Lance Combs coming to play. They have thought about having tables and chairs in the tent area and then allow people to use lawn chairs etc. in the grass area.

Connie Buchanan asked if they would be having hay bales and tables on the grass. Mr. Pratt said no. They would only allow lawn chairs on the grass area. You would pay to get in as usual and then just have a larger area to be in. He said they intend to fence in the entire area.

Jeff Couchman asked about security. Mr. Pratt said they always pay police to do security for the event.

Staff said if they have a big name band, etc. they will need to come back to us. We would then discuss sound, lighting, etc.

JESSE JAMES FESTIVAL COMMITTEE-AMPHITHEATER REQUEST Jeff

Couchman said we need to know who is in charge and make sure that a lot of people aren't in the back stage area. Mr. Carter said there won't be over 3 or 4 people helping with these events and they will control who is back stage.

Ed Haney asked if they will be charging to get in the tent area when they have the band playing. Mr. Carter said they will charge for the dances as they have in the past.

A motion was made by Ed Haney and seconded by Mike Miller to allow the Jesse James Festival Committee full access rights to the amphitheater for the two weeks of the Jesse James Festival with the following stipulations:

1. If they bring in larger bands, etc. they must get permission.
2. Be in direct contact with Eric Marshall with any changes.
3. Eric Marshall will be making final decisions in regard to changes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Eric Marshall said Dan Colt had met with the Board of Aldermen and things are much better. He said they are trying to be responsible and communication has been very good.

OLD BUSINESS

KID FEST Staff reported that they had at least 300 kids at Kid Fest. Kelly Peitzman said the Bank felt it was a great success. It was wonderful to have the parking and lots of space for the booths. He said he is sure they will continue to have it out there.

STOCK POND Staff said we stocked the pond at Jesse James Park with fish again this year.

NEW BUSINESS

SOFTBALL REGISTRATION Staff said we are taking registration for the Men and Co-ed Summer League at the present time. We haven't had near as many rainouts this spring as we had last year.

AMPHITHEATER ITEMS

Movies Staff said we will have the first movie in the Park on June 6th.

Kelly Peitzman asked what movies we would be showing this year. Staff said we will be showing the Bee movie, ET, High School Musical and Kung Fu Panda.

Ed Haney asked if we had thought of sending out flyers at Summer School for the movie in June. Staff said they will be doing that.

Kelly Peitzman asked if people could rent the shelters on the nights of the movies for a picnic before the movie. Staff said the shelters are available for rent at any of the events in the Park.

Tickets Staff said the ticket went on sale on line this week. Dale Ahle wrote the program for our on line sales so we didn't have to pay for that. They are still working on getting the data into the scanners but will be ready to go for the first event.

Staff said we will hopefully have a better count ahead of time with on line tickets available. The Jamey Johnson Show has had a lot of interest already.

Kelly Peitzman asked if we have decided what number would be a sell out. He also wanted to know if we can get more port a potties and beer portables if it sells out. Staff said we don't have an exact number for a sell out but would guess between 4500 and 5000. Staff said Budweiser will bring out more portables if needed and it's really easy to get more port a potties.

Security Staff said we have reduced the number of security for now. We will have four officers except for Shooting Star there will be five and there will be six for Jamey Johnson. We can always increase the number if we see a need to.

Contracts Staff said we have a couple more contracts going to the City Attorney at this time. We haven't had any problems. We have improved the lighting from four to sixteen lamps on each stand so hopefully we won't have any issues in regard to lighting.

Bathrooms Staff reported that the Board of Aldermen approved putting in a bathroom in the back stage area. The City will be doing all the work to cut down on costs. This will only be for the performers. It will have a holding vault and we will pump it out.

Concrete walk Staff said the walk way from the dance floor to the sound pad has been poured. This will be a major improvement and help the crew sitting up and tearing down.

BOARD COMMENTS

PASSES Staff said the Park Board members will be on a pass list.

Kelly Peitzman said he feels like the City should give each employee two season passes to the Amphitheater. He said it is just a way of showing appreciation for all the work they do. He said if you give them two passes more than likely they will bring another couple with them.

Connie Buchanan said she feels the same way. She said pass lists are difficult for gate keepers. She said she would rather give them actual passes that are laminated and they must show them to get in free.

Staff said they will talk to the Mayor at the Friday morning meeting this week and report back to the Board.

Advertising Staff said postcards with the Amphitheater schedule on them were mailed to every box holder in Kearney and Holt. We have also printed them on mouse pads and they are going out on the back of the water bills.

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

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