

June 21, 2011

The Park and Tree Board, City of Kearney, Missouri, met in regular session at 6:30 P.M. June 21, 2011 at 100 East Washington with Kelly Peitzman presiding. Members present were Jeff Couchman, Mike Miller, Bruce Sprague, Julie Jones and Ed Haney. Connie Crawford was absent. Staff members present were Eric Marshall, Ryan Marcotte and Shirley Zimmerman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES A motion was made by Connie Crawford and seconded by Mike Miller to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2011 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC REQUESTS & PETITIONS

STEVE BALDWIN-HALLOWEEN EVENT Steve Baldwin, 200 North Jefferson, said he's here on behalf of a fund raiser for the Kearney Rotary Club. He said he served on the Holt Park Board when he had a business in Holt, Missouri.

Mr. Baldwin said he was interested in doing a Haunted Hay Ride on the trail in Mack Porter Park. He said you would ride a hay wagon down the trail and there would be various sites set up with a Halloween theme. He said they would use volunteers to drive the wagons and get various organizations and groups such as the Knights of Columbus and Optimist to help run the event.

Mr. Baldwin said he might want to have small bon fires at some sites and concessions. He said he didn't want to go into too much planning until he got it approved. He said they would do it the week-end before Halloween.

Staff said the date was fine. They said it would have to be approved by the Board of Aldermen to have bonfires. Staff said if we are going to charge for everyone using the park they would have to pay \$350 for one day or \$400 for two days.

Jeff Couchman asked if they had liability insurance. Mr. Baldwin said the Rotary Club has liability insurance.

A motion was made by Julie Jones and seconded by Mike Miller to recommend to the Board of Aldermen to approve the Rotary Club hosting a Haunted Hay Ride on the trail in Mack Porter Park the week-end before Halloween. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

LIONS PARK STAGE RIBBON CUTTING Staff reported that the stage addition at Lion's Park is ninety percent completed. They just need to put up the lattice skirting later in the month.

LIONS PARK STAGE RIBBON CUTTING-CONT There is a need for more power pedestals there so they don't have to use so many extension cords. Steve Johnson said it would cost \$1,400 for labor and materials to complete that.

Staff said Rod Will is having a ribbon cutting ceremony at 1:00 P.M. on July 16, 2011.

DECEL LANE-JESSE JAMES PARK Staff said they will start to work on the decel lane at the entrance to Jesse James Park on July 5th. They plan to get it done in sixty calendar days.

NEW BUSINESS

KEARNEY NIGHT AT THE "K" Staff said the City is sponsoring Kearney Night at the "K" on July 24th. We will have \$34 tickets for \$10 and parking tickets for \$9. We purchased thirty five tickets and ten parking tickets and we can purchase more tickets as needed.

RECOGNITION OF LANNY RAWDON Staff reported that the Board of Aldermen recognized Lanny Rawdon for planting over 300 trees and shrubs in his effort to establish an Arboretum in Jesse James Park along the walking trail.

Mr. Rawdon plans to continue to plant and take care of these plants.

AMPHITHEATER ITEMS Staff reported that we will have the Fireworks Display on July 3rd. All the camping sites are reserved. We will have the inflatables again this year.

Jeff Couchman asked if anyone will be renting the pavilions. Staff said we didn't rent them this year. They have been used by Studio 320 and a church group so far this summer.

Staff said the Blues Fest was a little under the projection but the weather was threatening all day. With the donation from the Foundation, we did alright.

Staff said the Colt Ford had approximately 1550 in attendance and exceeded projections. We had no major incidents at the concert. Poison Overdose Tribute will be this weekend.

Jeff Couchman said there was a shortage of port a potties for Colt Ford. Staff said we have ordered more for the rest of the year.

Staff said we combined the first movie of the season with Kid Fest. It was a great success and we had about 250 people stay for the show.

Ed Haney asked if we had heard from the Breslfords across the road in regard to noise. Staff said we hadn't heard from them.

AMPHITHEATER ITEMS-CONT Bruce Sprague said he was concerned about the alcohol in the parking lot. He said he also didn't think people should be allowed to go back out to the parking lot during an event. He said he has talked to people that don't feel like they can take their children there anymore.

Staff said the policy is that they can go back and forth. They can take food or drink but no alcohol out of the park but they can't bring anything back into the area.

Jeff Couchman said there is a lot of tail gating in the parking lot but that is hard to control.

Kelly Peitzman said he believes you should be able to go to your car. He said he went back to the car to get warm clothes for the Blues Fest because it got cold.

Staff said they have the contracts to cover damages with the Lion's Club for the Mud Run and they will go to the Board of Aldermen on July 5th.

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

Approved: _____ Attest: _____
Kelly Peitzman, Chairman Ed Haney, Secretary