

November 15, 2011

The Park and Tree Board, City of Kearney, Missouri, met in regular session at 6:30 P.M. November 15, 2011 at 100 East Washington with Kelly Peitzman presiding. Members present were Jeff Couchman, Mike Miller, Julie Jones, Connie Crawford, Bruce Sprague and Ed Haney. Staff members present were Eric Marshall and Shirley Zimmerman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ed Haney and seconded by Mike Miller to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2011 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

HALLOWEEN HALLOWS/FALL FESTIVAL Staff reported that this year was the last Halloween Hallows event run by Dan Withee. He said we will have him at a Board of Aldermen meeting in December to recognize him for his ten years of service.

Staff said they are looking at using Fun Services for inflatables and games and have a carnival atmosphere. We would use the civic organizations in the community to help. We may move it back to Mack Porter Park and then it won't interfere with the cross country meet.

HAUNTED TRAIL RIDE Staff said the first night of the trail ride was slow but there was a home football game. The second night there was a very large crowd. They are donating their profits to charities. They will be giving \$1,000 to the food pantry.

Staff said there was a couple accidents where volunteers got too close to the trailers and their foot got ran over. We will work on correcting those problems for next year.

LION'S CLUB FEE FOR MUD RUN Staff said last month the request from the Lion's Club to waive the \$300 fee for the Mud Run was tabled. Staff said this Board can't waive the fee but can make a recommendation to the Board of Aldermen to waive the fee or leave it as is.

Staff said the Rotary paid the fee for the trail ride and the Optimists paid the fee for the bull ride.

Kelly Peitzman said we waived the fee for the Explorer's Post. Staff said that was because they are a part of the City.

Staff said we must be careful or everyone will want to use the Park for free.

Connie Crawford said then you start having a conflict between whether someone pays or not and pretty soon the park fee isn't collected for anyone. She asked if it is different if a group isn't not-for-profit. Staff said other than at concerts we haven't allowed anyone to use the park for fund raising that isn't not-for-profit.

LION'S CLUB FEE FOR MUD RUN-CONT Mike Miller said you open a can of worms when you start waiving fees.

Ed Haney said he realizes the Lion's Club did a lot of improvements in the Park but waiving fees causes problems.

It was the general consensus of the Park Board to recommend to the Board of Aldermen to not waive the fees for the Lion's Club. Staff told Mr. Williams that the Lion's Club can take the request to the Board of Aldermen if they wish.

NEW BUSINESS

PARK MAINTENANCE Staff reported that they have cut down dead and diseased trees in Mack Porter Park. They will plant at least fifteen new trees in Mack Porter Park and three trees at the new Police Station. They will also be cutting down some trees in Jesse James Park and replacing them.

We have the sprinkler system now connected to Water District # 3 for the Amphitheater. We have winterized the bathrooms, etc in Mack Porter Park and will do the same in Jesse James Park as soon as the Christmas Tree Walk is over.

MAYOR CHRISTMAS TREE WALK The Mayor's Christmas Tree Walk will be December 3, 2011 from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Studio 320 dancers and the school choirs will be performing. We will have everything under the pavilion this year.

AMPHITHEATER ITEMS

FINAL WRAP UP Staff said we are already starting to look at next year. We won't be having any concerts on holiday week-ends. We will have nine or ten shows including July 3rd.

Our attendance was down this year but the heat was horrible during the middle of the season. Concert attendance across the country is down due to the economy.

2012 ACTS Staff said we will have three main shows with country acts. We also want to do one for the younger age.

We are considering doing a Blue Grass Festival. We will have to get approval from the Board of Aldermen for overnight camping if we do that.

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

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

